

WINTER CLOSES IN ON SILVERLAND TO-DAY

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Russia to Fight if Nazis Move into Balkans

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FAMED BRITISH CRUISER SINKS THREE ITALIAN DESTROYERS

LONDON & BERLIN AIR
RAIDS CONTINUE

LONDON, Oct. 16 - The cruiser Ajax, noted for its heroic part in the sinking of the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee in the Battle of the River Platte, sank outright two Italian destroyers and then crippled a third, which the cruiser York later sent to the bottom, it was announced by the Admiralty Tuesday.

The fighting occurred near Sicily Oct. 12th., in which there was no main contact between the full battle fleets.

Two officers and 11 men were killed in this naval action. Damage inflicted on the Ajax by one direct hit caused only superficial and above the water line and in no way impaired the fighting efficiency of the Ajax.

Rafts were dropped to help the struggling survivors by the cruiser York and a wireless message broadcast on the commercial wave length of an Italian station giving the position of the survivors. The experience at the sinking of an Italian cruiser July 19th., when rescuing British troops & destroyers were bombed by Italians, made it impossible for our ships to take further measures for the safety of the survivors.

RUSSIA TO HALT
BALKAN DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 - Russia will go into action if the Axis powers try to capture the Dardenelles, it was officially announced in Moscow to-day.

Trouble continues at a boiling point in the Balkans following the Nazis recent occupation of Rumania.

Russia was estimated Tuesday to have mobilized between ten and twelve divisions, from 150,000 to 180,000 men on her frontiers with Rumania.

TONS OF BOMBS
DROPPED ON BERLIN

LONDON, Oct. 15 - The Air Ministry announced one of the most successful raids on Berlin last night. In addition to bombing military targets in the outskirts, several tons of bombs were dropped on Central Berlin.

London, last night, received its worst bombing of the war. Planes at times dived through the clouds to within short distances of the house tops and machine gunned people on the streets. A direct hit was made by an anti-aircraft gun and the German plane was blown into small bits.

SNOW STORM TURNS MAIL PLANE BACK

A blinding snow storm to the south made it necessary to-day for Pilot Lionel Vines to turn back to Mayo with the Traveclair BPV.

Pilot Vines came in from Dawson at noon, heading south with the outgoing air mail. The White Pass flier was anxious to get through in a hurry to Carmacks where a woman is waiting there, with a broken leg, to be flown to the Whitehorse hospital.

She is Mrs. DuPont. Details as to how she broke her leg are lacking.

Captain George Black, M. P. for Yukon, was an incoming passenger for Mayo on the White Pass plane to-day while on board for the through flight to Whitehorse were: Mrs. Clozza and T. Kazumura.

Pilot Vines was standing by this afternoon, ready to hop south as soon as the weather cleared to the south.

RUMORED HERE THAT
DAWSON FIRE BUGS
NABBED, VANCOUVER

It is rumoured around Mayo this week that word from Dawson has come through by letter to the effect that the parties responsible for setting the "mystery fires" in Dawson early this summer have been caught in Vancouver.

According to the reports the culprits were apprehended after they reached the coast city and that they confessed to setting the fires which caused large property damage. They are said to be Nazi sympathizers. The man and his wife, it is alleged, were under suspicion while they were in Dawson.

The Miner has had no confirmation of this news.

YUKONS MEMBER
HERE TO-DAY

Captain George Black, member for Yukon, came in from Dawson by plane to-day to spend a short visit in Mayo. According to an Ottawa dispatch dated Oct. 16, the Government may now decide to hold a general debate in which event all members would be summoned to attend a new session shortly after Nov. 5th.

PLACER OPERATIONS WIND UP FOR THE SEASON

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THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATED MONDAY

Turkey dinners and other choice festive joints graced the tables of many homes throughout the silver district Monday evening as Silverites joined in celebrating Thanksgiving Day. The school was closed in observance of the holiday; also the bank and government offices and stores.

It was a very fine day which made it possible for many to go hunting, fishing or hiking to many points around the valley.

DOUBLE SURPRISE PARTY FOR MAYO GIRLS

On Wednesday evening of this week at the home of Mrs. M. Sullivan was held a double-barrelled surprise and farewell party in honor of two popular young Mayo girls.

The farewell was for Miss Laura Sullivan who left Friday for Dawson. The surprise was on the occasion of the 20th birthday of Miss Dorothy Durie. Funny part of it all was that Dorothy was told about the surprise farewell for Laura. Laura, in turn, was told that the surprise was for Dorothy. It wasn't until the festivities got under way that both young ladies found out the party was for both of them.

A very enjoyable evening was spent with dancing and singing and good cheer. One of the highlights of the evening was when a big scrumptious birthday cake, blazing with candles, was ushered upon the scene with appropriate ceremonies. For Dorothy the guests all joined in singing "Many Happy Returns of the Day." For Laura they all sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Twelve guests were in attendance.

OLD TIME DANCE THURSDAY NIGHT

Thursday night was old time dance night on the stage in Pioneer Hall. Unfortunately quite a few ardent barn dance fans completely forgot about the event and regretted next day their lack of memory. As a result there was only a small turnout but those who did show up had plenty of fun.

Paste this in the band of your hat or tie a string around your finger BUT the next Barn Dance will be held on Halloween Night, Thursday, Oct. 31st. and a big turnout is anticipated. It being Halloween Night and a famous night for pranks and high jinks, special novelties and attractions are being lined up. Remember the date, Thursday, Oct. 31st. Be sure and show up...there's going to be plenty of allaman lefts, dossie do's and other gay doings.

NEW PRIEST FOR MAYO REAL SOURDOUGH HIKES IN 80 MILES

Arriving in Whitehorse too late to catch the last river boat connection for Mayo, Father L. Bosse, who succeeds Father A. Monnet as priest at the local parish of the Catholic Church, found himself faced with two alternatives. He could either fly to Mayo or hike in overland from Minto. Unable to fly Father Bosse, who comes here from Wells, B. C., took the steamer to Minto and hiked here overland, carrying a 75-pound pack all the way. He made the trip in six days and had to camp out two nights en route. Father Bosse arrived here last Sunday.

Hiking 80 miles with a heavy pack clearly reveals that the new padre is no novice as far as the north country is concerned.

FUNERAL MONDAY FOR LATE MAYO TRAPPER

Under direction of Mayo Funeral Service, the last rites for the late Sven Alfred (Fred) Swanson were held on Monday afternoon from St. Mary's Church, Rev. Robert Boyd conducting the service.

Long time resident of this district, Swanson died last week while being rushed to Mayo Hospital following an accidental rifle wound in his wrist from which he bled to death.

He had left Mayo about the first of October to begin his winter trapping operations in the area above Fraser Falls and was hiking through the woods about 5 miles from his cabin at No Gold, above the Falls, when the accident occurred.

Pall bearers were: S. M. Wood, Murdock McLean, Sam Blackmore, J. V. Smith, Peter Petiot and Thos. Foley.

Frank Whitney played the organ for the service. Burial was made in Mayo Cemetery.

HAGGART, HIGHET, DUBLIN PLACER MINES FINISH LONG SEASON.

The Barker, Taylor and Middlecoff placer mines on Haggart, Dublin and Highet Creeks respectively closed down this week after a long and very successful season.

The Middlecoff crew, including Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Blieler, came in on Thursday.

On Friday Don Poole, of the Barker crew and Earling Rude and Mac Dickie, who had been working for Fred Taylor on Dublin the past few weeks, hiked in from Haggart. Fortunately they caught a ride the last 20 miles to town with Tommy Portlock, arriving at the Half Way roadhouse just 15 minutes before Tommy came along from Keno.

Barker is bringing his smaller cat to town Sunday when other members of the Haggart & Dublin Creek mining community will be coming in with him, including Mrs. Irwin Ray, Mrs. Ted Blieler, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. Hazel Dalton. Ed. will be returning to Haggart, it is understood, to complete some fall work along with Irwin Ray.

During the past three days Don Poole, Hugo Seaholm and Con Lakeness of the Barker Crew, were working at the McQuestion river King where they built a new bridge. Jawn "Doc" Shandro, husky sluice box operator at the Barker mine, may also come in Sunday. Jack is expecting his Missus in from Edmonton & will reside in Mayo this winter.

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ICE RUNNING IN RIVER: As a result of
the heavy frost Tuesday night, quite a bit
of ice started running in the Stewart Riv-
er on Wednesday. Although the weather has
been variable since, the ice cakes continue
to float past the town, clearing indicat-
ing that "it won't be long now" before the
annual freezeup.

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AIRSTAGE MAIL IN

The White Pass Bellanca came in from White-
horse Wednesday, bringing mail from the CPR
boat which docked in Skagway Monday.

MAYOITES LEAVES: Last Sunday the Condor,
with Pilots Vines and Woods, came here from
Dawson and hopped for the south with the foll-
owing outgoing passengers from Mayo:

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith and child.

K. A. Forbes

J. A. Clifton & his dog.

R. H. Palmer.

Peter Gatey.

TRAVELAIR IN MONDAY: On Monday Pilot Kubicek
came in with the Travelair to pick up a load of
excess baggage here, returning south direct.

With Pilot Vines at the controls, the BPV
returned to Mayo from the south Friday on the
weekly milk route run including stops at Car-
macks and Selkirk as well as Mayo and Dawson.
There was no air mail. Miss Laura Sullivan was
an outgoing passenger for the Gold City. The
BPV is scheduled to return to Whitehorse on
Saturday taking the outgoing air mail.

HUNTERS RETURN: Yorke Wilson and Charley Tay-
lor returned to town Wednesday afternoon from
a four day hunting trip in the Minto Lake vic-
inity. Unfortunately the nimrods failed to
sight a single moose but bagged a grouse. Char-
ley drove his car to within two miles of Frank
Gillespie's cabin at the lake, where they
billeted. Before coming home Yorke and Charley
paid a visit to Hight Creek.

ALEC BERRY MOVES IN: With the T. Y. office
at the Elsa now locked up for the winter at
least, Alec Berry, popular warehouseman for
the company, has moved into Mayo for the winter
where he has rented Pop Miller's cabin formerly
occupied by Mrs. M. B. Millar. Alec will be
making the odd trip or so back to the Elsa to
take up the mail.

KENOITES IN TOWN: The way things are these
days one sees more Kenoites on front street
some weeks than Mayoites. At least such was
certainly the case this week for noticed dur-
ing the last few days along silver boulevard
were Archie Martin, Thos. McKay, Bill Sime but
not Bert Lamb. Bert missed this trip. Martin
& McKay came to town in the latter's car Wed-
nesday. Tommy has gone to the hospital for a
few days with a touch of lumbago. Gov't. Assay-
er Sime came in Wednesday night. Mayo, they
all say, is about as quiet as Keno City these
days.

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"TWA JOHNS" HEAD BACK HEAD BACK TO BARKER TO SEEK THE PAYSTREAK

Johnnie McDonald and Jack McDiarmid, well known T. Y. employees in the Elsa mill until the shutdown this fall, returned last Wednesday from their trip to Barker Creek where they have acquired promising mining property. The "Twa Johns" are enthusiastic over their ground, so much so that they headed back on Tuesday of this week and plan to sink a number of holes on their property to test the values. Barker Creek has long been one of the most consistent placer producers of the Territory and it is to be hoped that the young miners hit the paystreak pronto. They say that Art Chambers, former Mayoite, is doing very well on Barker Creek where he has a fine outfit and getting good results. Jack and Johnnie have acquired ground a short distance below Chambers' mine. They made the trip to the mouth of Barker by small boat, bagged two moose coming up river last week.

ANNOUNCEMENT....

I am a candidate for re-election to the Yukon Council, to represent the Mayo District independent of any party, or special interest save only the best interest of the Territory generally, and the Mayo District in particular.

E. J. CORP
KENO HILL

Oct. 15, 1940

SPECTACULAR \$1,000 NUGGET FOUND, ATLIN

ATLIN - One of the largest gold nuggets ever located in British Columbia since the early boom days was found late in September at Boulder Creek.

The lump of solid gold weighed 31 ounces & is valued at more than \$1,000.

The two and a half pound mass of precious metal was recovered at the hydraulic operations of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. on Boulder Creek.

S. G. Blaylock, president of the company, said it was one of the most spectacular nuggets found in years.

SWINDLERS WHO GYPED MAYO WOODCHOPPER FOUND GUILTY, JURY.

A good idea of the stake which Leonard S. Schlick, former Mayo woodchopper, took out with him last spring, can be gleaned from his testimony in the recent trial in Vancouver when two slickers were found guilty of defrauding the unsuspecting Mayoite.

Ralph Lohn and J. Thomas, 34 and 36 respectively, were found guilty in Assize Court early this month after a jury of 10 men and 2 women deliberated 20 minutes.

Thomas was wearing the uniform of a private in the Searchlight Regiment when he appeared in court.

Slick alleged that the accused arranged to find him a job in a mine at Big Bend and induced him to hand over his money and gold dust for safekeeping. The money included two checks for \$2861 total, also \$113 in American funds and \$60 in Canadian. The police arrested the accused men before the checks were cashed and recovered most of the money, including \$111, which Thomas realized from the sale of the gold dust.

Chief Justice Morrison remanded the convicted men to the end of the Assizes for sentence.

Schlick, a native of Austria, had worked for two or three years in this district before going to the coast this past spring. For two seasons he was a member of Elmer Middlecoff's crew at the latter's placer mine on Hight.

GUESS WHO? Under "Local Happenings" in the Whitehorse Star of last week, Editor Moore writes: "We understand one of the nicest girls in town is to be married on Oct. 24. The writeup will follow in due course."

There you go, Whitehorse-wise Mayoites, figure it out for yourselves.

KENO WOMAN FEARED LOST - MISSING FOR DAYS

PERSONALS

SERIOUSLY ILL: Jim McKinnon, widely known Mayo district pioneer and ex war veteran, was taken to the hospital seriously ill on Tuesday night. To-day he is reported from the hospital as improving.

GEORGE AYLWIN, genial clerk at the N. C. Co. Ltd. store, has been enjoying a weeks holiday this week. Mr. and Mrs. Aylwin celebrated their wedding anniversary on Tuesday night when they were hosts to a number of friends.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS and Ned Stevens came in this week from Mayo Lake to get their winters outfits, returning home again Friday.

MISS LAURA SULLIVAN was an outgoing passenger Friday's plane, for Dawson where she plans on spending the winter.

KENO CITY WOMAN MISSING - NO SIGNS FOUND

No traces have been found, at least up to a few days ago, of Mrs. Marie Tomoff, of Keno City who wandered away from her home there early in October. After failing to return to her home at Keno after several days, a search was begun in an effort to trace the missing woman.

Lee-Cpl. W. W. Sutherland, R. C. M. P., left for Keno City Monday, Oct. 7th to direct the search but had to return to Mayo that same evening in order to go up river in connection with Fred Swanson's accidental death. A trio of pioneer Kenoites were deputized to carry on the quest for the missing woman. It is understood that her tracks were followed to a bridge over the McQuesten. No tracks were found on the opposite side of the bridge which is described as a wobbly, rickety structure. It is feared that Mrs. Tomoff may have slipped off the bridge into the river.

Lee-Cpl. Sutherland returned up the hill to continue his search on Wednesday.

AIR MAIL PLANE HELD UP BY WEATHER

Up until Friday no further news has been heard re the Yukon Southern Air Mail plane which was grounded on its northbound flight this week at Fort St. John on account of inclement weather.

Consequently this week's airmail from Edmonton and the coast has not yet come through.

King Winter moved in across the Yukon today, especially across the Silver Valley where a snowstorm has been raging most of the day. Although little snow has fallen, the big flakes looked like the real thing for a while this morning as they swirled in on a raw, cold wind. There were signs this afternoon that the weather might clear by to-morrow.

"CAN CHRISTIANITY RESTORE WORLD ORDER" is the subject that will be discussed at the "Open Forum" service to be held in St. Mary's Church to-morrow night. The service starts at the usual hour 7.45 but will be cut short to allow the congregation and Rector to join in a general discussion of this theme.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of James Morrison
Late of Mayo, Y.T.

All persons having any claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to file the same with the Public Administrator at Dawson, on or before the 19th. day of January, 1941, supported by statutory declaration, after which date the estate will be distributed, having reference only to claims which have been so filed.

All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Public Administrator.

Dated at Dawson, this 19th. day of October, 1940.

C. E. McLEOD
Public Administrator

Oct. 19, 26

REPAIRS TO BANK BUILDING GOING AHEAD

Good progress is being made with the repairs to the Bank of Montreal building on front street which was damaged by fire a few weeks back.

Rupe Steeves and George Besner are engaged on the repair work.

As soon as it has been completed the staff will move back to the former quarters.

DOCTORS IN DAWSON EXAMINE VOLUNTEERS

By the Dawson News of Oct. 18th. we see that Drs. Duncan and Kells are now examining volunteers in the Gold City. Recruiting was started several days ago by the R. C. M. P. for volunteers for the Canadian Forces.

It has not been learned how many have offered their services but it is expected that, taking in Dawson and the creeks, there will be a substantial number of men listed.

JACK McDONALD TO RUN AGAIN FOR COUNCIL

J. A. McDonald, well-known Dawsonite and ex-Silverite, has decided to seek re-election to the Yukon Council, representing the Dawson district. He will be opposed by A. T. Taddie, Granville merchant, whom he (McDonald) defeated in the last Yukon Council election.

EAST REGAINS LACROSSE TITLE

TORONTO, Oct. 16 - St. Catharines Athletics regained possession of the Mann Cup, emblematic of the Dominion lacrosse championship, which they lost to the Westminster Adanacs a year ago, by defeating the Vancouver Burrards 18 to 5, Monday night in the final game of the National championship series.

BRITAIN'S rate of expenditure now totals £9,000,000 daily, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced Wednesday.

