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BRITISH FORCES HAND ITALIANS CRUSHING DEFEAT IN EGYPT

40,000 Prisoners, Great Quantities of Guns, Supplies, and 5 Generals Fall Prisoners to Lightning British Thrust.

CAIRO, Dec. 14 - The Italian flight from Egypt following the sudden lightning offensive launched by the British forces at dawn Monday, has turned into a major disaster for Mussolini.

The British have encircled the fleeing Italian forces in a bottleneck through which they must either pass or be captured or annihilated. Royal Air Force planes are attacking the fleeing columns from the air while British naval units are pounding them from the sea.

*At least 40,000 Italian prisoners have been taken by the British in addition to thousands of trucks, motorcycles, guns and military equipment. Five generals are included with the present prisoners.

Striking with lightning swiftness at dawn Monday the British land, sea and air forces took the Italian lines completely in a surprise attack. British tanks and mechanized units broke through the Italian outposts and made possible the encirclement of the strongly fortified Italian base at Sidi Barrani. For three months General Graziani had carefully fortified Sidi Barrani, captured last summer when the Italians drove through into Egypt. In three days the British forces, employing Blitz tactics copied from the German invasion of France, drove the Italians from Egypt and across the Libyan border.

Raymond Collishaw, Nanaimo flier, who was Canada's third ranking ace during the last war, is directing the Royal Air Force action against the Italians in the Middle East. In three days of fighting the RAF drove the Italian planes out of the air, shooting down 44 against 4 lost by the British.

Surprised and rattled, Italian troops are reported to have shown little fight and surrendered easily.

If the fleeing Italian forces are to escape they must depend on the Italian navy to rescue them. British warships are waiting for this very opportunity to engage the balance of the Italian fleet.

In Albania the Greek forces continue to drive the Italian armies into the sea where frantic efforts are being made to evacuate them to the mainland. Fighting for their very lives Italian resistance on certain sections of the Albanian front was reported the stiffest yet encountered by the Greeks.

(Morewar news on Page 6)

LORD LOTHIAN DIES SUDDENLY

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 12 - Lord Lothian, 58-year old British Ambassador to the United States, died suddenly at his Embassy home following a two-day illness. His sudden death at a time like this, has come as a heavy blow to the Empire. Lord Lothian had just returned recently from a trip to England and a few days before his illness presented a complete picture of Great Britain's resources to the Administration leaders of the States. In a speech Wednesday night, which had to be read owing to his illness, he stated that Britain needed all the help possible from the United States and added that with this help Britain was confident of defeating her enemies in 1942, if not sooner.

The funeral is being held Sunday and the ashes will be interred at Arlington Cemetery temporarily. Although the names of Anthony Eden and the Duke of Windsor have been mentioned as Lord Lothian's successor, it was believed Friday that the post would be offered to Britain's Minister of Supply in the Churchill cabinet.

DUKE, DUCHESS VISIT MIAMI

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 11 - The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived at Miami aboard the yacht Southern Cross early this week where the Duchess underwent a dental operation.

On Friday the Duke had a two hour talk with President Roosevelt aboard the U. S. cruiser Tuskaloosa in the Caribbean. He was flown to the cruiser by a navy plane. It is reported the Duke discussed important naval bases in the Bahamas with the President. These bases were recently leased from Britain by the States in exchange for U. S. destroyers.

KING GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY TO-DAY

LONDON, Dec. 14 - His Majesty King George and Queen Elizabeth and their two daughters left for an unnamed part of the country to-day where the King will observe his 45th. birthday quietly. No special celebration of any kind will be held throughout the Empire in observance of the occasion except the flying of the Union Jack from all government and public buildings.

LOCAL & PERSONAL

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

PICTURE SHOW FOR THE MAYO CHILDREN

As far as we could ascertain up to Friday of this week no local organization has done anything about a Christmas Tree for the Mayo Children this year. There are some 100 kiddies in Mayo, including those from the Indian Village, who will certainly miss the annual event which, for them, is undoubtedly one of the most anticipated events of the year.

If nothing is to be done about a Community Tree in Mayo this Yuletide, the Miner suggests that the parents get together, form a small committee, and sponsor a big 2-hour picture show for the children.

Undoubtedly there are numerous Mayoites around town who would willingly lend their movie reels for this purpose and several who would be willing to lend their moving picture projectors for the occasion.

Shows are a rarity in Mayo and are always enjoyed by the kiddies and grown ups alike.

Maybe enough funds could be collected to make possible the presentation to each child of a bag of nuts, apples, oranges and candies. Old Santa in person might even be prevailed upon to open the show while music could be played over a loud speaker system throughout the entertainment.

Also, with a little persuasion, some of the local vocalists and musical stars might consent to pep up the show with a few songs, recitations or musical renditions.

If such a show could be staged, say on Monday night, Dec. 23rd., it would still be close enough to "the big Day" to fit in with the Yuletide spirit.

We're certain that a "Santa Claus Show" would prove a real hit with the kiddies. After all is said and done, the Christmas Holiday is, primarily, for the children. Surely they should have some sort of community Christmas festivity.

MAYOITES ANXIOUS TO GET BACK HERE

Every mail brings letters from former Mayoites who left here last fall for the outside, saying that they are anxious to get back to the silver camp. Not a few of the former T. Y. employees who packed up and left after the shutdown, are planning to return at the first opportunity.

AROUND TOWN

The weather continues to be something to write home about. Here it is, the middle of December and still we've had no cold weather to speak of. The past week has been exceptionally mild with a little snow falling to-day. So far this winter we haven't had a real snowstorm even.

However, from up the line come reports that 9 inches of snow fell at Carmacks a couple of days ago so maybe the Silver Valley will soon get a heavy snowfall. It used to be that after a snowstorm one could predict a cold spell. But with such unusual weather this winter it's pretty hard to hazard a guess of any kind re the weather. As it is however, no one is kicking. The mild winter to date is greatly appreciated.

Weather prophets were prophesying all kinds of weather Thursday as a result of the brilliantly red sky that morning - an old sign of storms. But, so far, nothing has happened.

Prize winners at the IODE card party held last Saturday night were: Gordon McIntyre and Mrs. Ed. Blieler, bridge; Ture Vicklund, pianist & Mrs. Alice McLennan, Tripolex. Conveners were: Mrs. C. D. Taylor and Mrs. F. A. Whitney.

School Concert: The annual school concert will be held next Friday night. The pupils have been rehearsing for the concert these past few weeks under the direction of their teacher, Gordon McIntyre, assisted by Mrs. Ed. Blieler.

ANOTHER Old Time dance is being held in IODE House next Thursday night. A good attendance is anticipated.

WE HEAR THAT: Ted Richards, formerly in the T. Y. assay office at the Elsa until the shutdown, has gone to work at Tulsequah for the winter.

BISHOP GEDDES BAPTIZES LITTLE LARRY BIDLAKE

At the close of the evening services in St. Mary's Church last Sunday, Rt. Rev. W. A. Geddes, Bishop of Yukon, officiated at the baptism of Lawrence John, 2-month's old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geoff. Bidlake, of Mayo.

Godparents were Geoff's brother Eustace, of London, England and Mrs. Doris Taylor, sister to Mrs. Bidlake. Mrs. Taylor resides in Vancouver.

Acting in proxy for the Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Portlock.

FORMER MAYO NURSE NOW AT ST. PAUL'S VANCOUVER

Miss Katherine MacDonald, member of the nursing staff at Mayo General until her departure this summer, is now a member of the staff at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, where she is on the Yukon ward.

One of her recent Yukon patients was Bill Forbes, well known former Mayoite, who was in with a broken wrist.

PERSONALS

Rt. Rev. Bishop W. A. Geddes left on Tuesday's plane on his return trip to Dawson. The Bishop conducted services at St. Mary's Anglican Church last Sunday night.

Mrs. Elmer Gaundroue came in Tuesday night on a short visit to Mayo; returning to her home at the Elsa the following day.

Don Morrison and Mrs. Jean Woolsey came in from Keno Wednesday night in Don's car. Jean is spending a few days in Mayo to do some Christmas shopping. Don left on his return trip to Keno Friday morning.

Bill Hare returned to his home at the Elsa Wednesday; having been discharged from the hospital where he had been a patient for a few days.

Lance-Corporal W. W. Sutherland, R. C. M. P., made a trip to Galena and Keno over the past week end, returning to town the first of the week.

Con Carthum came in on a short business trip Wednesday night. Con reports that after 4 months work he and Hans Formo had to discontinue operations at the Shamrock mine where they were flooded out.

Irwin Ray and Hugo Seaholm paid a trip to Lightning Creek this week to see John Backe who is prospecting there. They went as far as the Calumet in Irwin's truck, hiked the rest of the way.

WHITE PASS BELLANCA, HANGAR, LOST IN FIRE

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Evening Service	7.45	p. m.
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FIRE (Cont'd).....

was not damaged. Three planes - the Condor, Fairchild and Travelair - were in the new hangar at the time the fire started but were immediately removed from danger.

The loss is placed at \$100,000, covered by insurance. There were no casualties.

It has not yet been learned here what plans are going ahead for a new building to replace the one just destroyed.

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AVIATION NEWS

PLANES & PILOTS

Herewith are the White Pass plane movements from last Sunday up to to-day:

On Sunday morning last, Pilot Kubicek, who had been grounded here since Friday account of the weather, got away for Whitehorse with the Bellanca. The three Mayoites leaving were Miss Page, Ed. Barker and Phil McKay. Barker & Miss Page planned to fly all the way through to the coast. In addition to the Mayoites there were seven aboard the Bellanca from Dawson.

MAIL IN MONDAY: Pilot Kubicek returned to Mayo Monday with the Fairchild "XJ", bringing air mail and the mail from last Saturday's coastwise CPR boat. Kubicek returned direct to Whitehorse. Outgoing passengers were Albert and Harvey Pelland, en route to Vancouver to join the Yukon Volunteers. Albert and his brother joined up just a short time ago and received their medical O. K's just recently.

FREIGHT TUESDAY: Pilot Kubicek flew the Fairchild to Dawson, via Mayo, Tuesday with freight, perishables, etc. from the last boat.

DAME TO DAWSON: Pilot Dame came in from the south Thursday with the Travelair and went on to Dawson. He returned south, via Mayo, Friday taking out airmail and airstage mail.

CONDOR IN TO-DAY: The big Condor was scheduled to go North to-day via Mayo, returning to Whitehorse direct from the Gold City.

Passengers booked from here were Miss Dorothy Durie and Mrs. Florence Pelland and children.

WHITE PASS HANGAR & BELLANCA PLANE BURNED UP MONDAY

Mayoites saw the last of a familiar plane in this district last Sunday when the White Pass Bellanca "BLT", grounded here for two days account of weather, sailed south. For the big red and gold ship was completely destroyed by fire the following day or, Monday of this week. Fire broke out at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, destroying the hangar and the 10-passenger ship. The Bellanca was being overhauled at the time and the fire was caused from an electric heater while drying a patch on the plane's wing. The plane burst into flames and before any fire fighting equipment could be brought into play, the entire building was a blazing mass. This building housed the company's machine shop and airport office. All tools and equipment and office records were a total loss.

The company's new hangar, completed this fall, separated from the old hangar by a safe margin,

(See Opposite Column)

MAYOR TELFORD DEFEATED IN VANCOUVER

NEWS OF THE NORTH

DAWSON

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Church on Thursday night at 7.30 p. m. of Miss Florence Troberg and R.C. Beaumont. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Williams.

Miss R. Garrish arrived by plane Monday to take up her new duties as a member of the nursing staff at St. Mary's Hospital. She succeeds Miss I. Purvis who has left for Mayo.

A capacity crowd attended the movie show last Sunday evening under auspices of the IODE for their Christmas Cheer Fund. Harry Gleaves, owner of the Orpheum, donated the proceeds to the IODE and these amounted to \$147.50.

Pilots Bookwalter and Boyle arrived Monday from Skagway, en route to Fairbanks in the White Pass Airways Boeing. The ship was flown to Fairbanks for inspection.

Walter Douglas and Jack Bond left by car last week for the Louis Roal ranch on Indian River. Roal is not able to get around again after a long convalescence at the Principal Hotel after he fell from the balcony of the Yukonia Hotel last May 22nd and severely injured himself.

Arthur Seagram, aged 81, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital Tuesday evening. He was a pioneer of gold rush days and had lived in the Yukon since the stampede of '98. He was a native of Toronto, Ont.

Paul Reid, efficient and obliging member of the local radio station staff, has been notified of his promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the R. C. C. S.

WHITEHORSE

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Watson have left on an extended trip outside and do not expect to be back until March.

A large U. S. bomber with 4 engines and carrying a crew of 9 landed at the airport Monday (Dec. 2) from Fairbanks and left later on the return trip.

The opening games in the the big bonspiel to start the curling season, got under way on Monday night of this week.

Plans are going ahead for skating and hockey. Dave Wilson is managing the White Pass "Fliers" while Dick White, former Mayoite, is manager of the Town Tigers.

B. C. ELECTION IN MAY

VICTORIA, Dec. 9 - The possibility of a short session of the Legislature in the spring, followed by an election in May, was foreseen by the members as they hit off for their homes Saturday after the recent session.

MAYOR TELFORD DEFEATED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12 - Alderman J. W. Cornett, Citizens Party candidate, defeated Mayor Lyle Telford in the mayoralty election to-day by a substantial majority. With nearly all polls heard from Cornett had 18,000 votes against Telford's 15,000. Less than half of the city's registered voters turned out to cast their ballots.

BRITISH INVASION AGAINST ITALY

ATHENS, Dec. 9 - Greek and British warships will make full use of captured Porto Edda, on the Albanian coast, in the coming offensive against southern Italy.

London has rumbled for many days with portents of a Major British and possibly Greek offensive against Italy. The almost casual allusion of the Greek high command to a prospective invasion indicates staff plans for an attack on the Italian mainland.

CANADIAN AIRMEN MISSING, EAST

TORONTO, Dec. 13 - Three RCAF planes and 5 members of the crews, are missing after a routine flight from Camp Borden during a heavy snow-storm Thursday. Two of the planes set out in search for the original lost plane when they too disappeared. The fliers carry ample food rations in case of emergency.

YUKON'S MEMBER ASKS AMENDMENT DIVORCE ACT

OTTAWA, Dec. 6 - An amendment to the Divorce Jurisdiction Act was proposed in the Commons Wednesday by Captain George Black, Yukon. The amendment is designed to enable married women to start suit on grounds of desertion in any province having a divorce court even though the desertion took place in another province.

GAKONA MISHAP TO TINY LUXURY SHIP BRINGS ODD ALASKAN SEQUEL.

Remember that account we had in the Miner last summer about the two girls from the Piper Airplane Co. staff back East who flew their Piper Cub to Alaska on a vacation. Well, here's the sequel as the Fairbanks News-Miner reports it.

Seems the pretty aerial lassies met with a mishap at Gakona while flying from Fairbanks to Valdez. There the plane stayed until 3 months later.

Meanwhile Alma Hefflin and Margie McQuinn, the gal fliers, changed their courses. Alma returned to the States to publish the story of their flight from Lock Haven, Penn. to Alaska while Margie fell victim to Fairbanks attractions and is now among the city's young business women.

Late in November Pilot Dick Ragle flew the little ship back to Fairbanks after Mel Flora, also of Fairbanks, had fixed it up. The Cub now becomes the property of Arctic Wings Flying Service as a supplement to two Piper Cub trainers already in use by the firm for the Civilian Pilots Training Program curriculum of the University of Alaska.

ALASKA AIR CHIEF RECOVERING FROM CRASH

Major Dale V. Gaffney was recently flown to Fairbanks by Pilot Bill Lavery to complete his recuperation from his recent plane landing at Golden Zone Mine field.

Major Gaffney, who is commanding Officer at the Ladd Field, U. S. air base, Fairbanks, was flying a speedy 300-mile an hour pursuit plane, (P37) from Fairbanks to Anchorage when heavy ice forming on the wings made it necessary for him to land the speedy ship. Deep snow on the Golden Zone field caused the pursuit plane to nose over, causing minor injuries to the Major. He said the plane will probably be flown back to Fairbanks after motor repairs & a new prop is installed.

A trip that used to take 10 days by dog team, Major Gaffney expected to complete the hop in the speedy army plane in 1 hour. The P-37 is one of Uncle Sam's fastest ships yet brought to Alaska.

GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL EXPLAINS LIQUOR VETO

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OVERLAND STAGE
ON WAY HERE

A T. C. Richards overland stage left Whitehorse Thursday morning, according to word received by Geo. Andison, Mayo manager for Burns & Co. Ltd. The stage is bringing a big load of Christmas turkeys, poultry & other produce for the local store. It is expected to get here Monday.

LETTER

KENO CITY,
Dec. 11, 1940

TO THE MAYO MINER:

An enclosing herewith, as promised, copy of reason given by the Governor in Council for disallowing Bills 7, 8 & 9 passed by the Yukon Territorial Council at the last session.

You will note that the right of the Territory to submit a Plebiscite to the people, to ascertain their will regarding Legislation on a purely local matter, has been ignored. It would therefore appear that any Legislation passed by the Territorial Council on any matter whatsoever, may be disallowed by the Governor in Council at his discretion, even though said Legislation may be well within the rights of the Territorial Council to enact under the jurisdiction granted the Territory by the Yukon Act of 1919. So what!

Signed: E. J. CORP
Keno Hill.

Reasons for Disapproval of Bills
7, 8 & 9, passed by the Council.

- (a) - There is no reason to believe that the sale of spirituous liquors by the glass or bottle in licensed premises, instead of being obtained as at present by purchase from the Government liquor stores, would be of benefit to the residents of the Yukon Territory.
- (b) - The proposed sale of such liquors from the Government liquor stores to the licensees at a discount would result in a reduction in that part of the Territorial revenue which is raised inside the Territory.
- (c) - That inasmuch as the Territorial Government depends on a substantial annual grant from the Federal Treasury, such proposed reduction in the locally raised revenue would not be justified.
- (d) - The Liquor licensees would in most instances by hotelkeepers, who are at present licensed to sell beer on their premises. As the privilege of selling spirituous liquors in such premises, has not been granted in any of the Provinces of the Dominion, or in the Northwest Territories, there seems no reason why this practise should be introduced in the Yukon Territory.
- (e) - The dispensing of spirituous liquors by licensees lends itself to many abuses which may develop. These include such practises as diluting, altering and mixing of various standard brands resulting in uncertainty on the part of the public in regard to what they are receiving over the counter. The opportunities for private gain by the licensees are practically unlimited.
- (f) - In addition to the expected reductions of revenue to the Government liquor stores by the sale of spirituous liquors to licensees at a discount, there is to be taken into account the increased costs of inspection which would be necessary if such liquors in addition to beer, were to be dispensed over the counter.
- (g) - The Sale of spirituous liquors by the glass or bottle in licensed premises in the Yukon Territory, would be a retrograde step and not in the interests of the Public.
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MOSCOW HALTED HITLER'S DRIVE TO THE EAST

PERSONALS (cont'd)

Archie Martin was able to leave the hospital this week and expected to return to his home at Keno to-day.

Amos Noyd, Sourdough silver miner, is now out of the hospital and up and around again. Amos plans on spending the winter in Mayo.

Miss Dorothy Durie, popular musician, planned on leaving on the next southbound plane en route back to her home in Atlin where her mother and sister reside.

Also planning on leaving on the next southbound was Mrs. A. Pelland and two children.

Martin Retan, T. Y. miner at the Calumet, came in Tuesday and has been spending a few days holiday in Mayo before returning up the hill.

Jimmy Sugiyama, well known pioneer of this camp, came in this week on a short visit to Mayo. Jimmy is prospecting his silver properties again this winter so lost no time in getting home again.

Peter Jensen made a trip in from Keno Wednesday night in his car. Pete got stuck on the road coming in but Alex McCarter, who overtook him on the way in, gave Pete a hand and pulled him out of his trouble.

SNOWING - NO PLANE TO-DAY

A thick snowfall over the Mayo Valley this morning made for poor flying weather. As a result the White Pass Condor, expected through here on its way North, did not get in to-day.

FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE - SEND THAT BLANK, BLANK INFANTRY.

In one of the radio reports covering the British offensive in Egypt, heard last night, a British tank commander was roaring along when he ran smack into a group of 500 fleeing Italians. They immediately threw up their hands. The tank commander didn't know what in blazes to do. Over his radio he shot this message: "For the love of Mike, hurry up and send the blank, blank infantry. I'm surrounded by prisoners!"

Plane production in the United States is reported to be running 30% behind original schedule, Defence Administrator Knudsen announced,

HITLER MAY STILL TRY TO INVADE ENGLAND OR ATTACK ITALY

LONDON, Dec. 14 - Heavy concentration of German troops on the Swiss & Austrian borders are reported indicating that if Italy has to call for an Armistice the Nazis will march into Italy to beat the British to the important plants and factories in the North.

Hitler may yet try an invasion of England, some now believe, owing to the smashing blow dealt to Italy.

MOSCOW GAVE HITLER WORST SETBACK, WAR

LONDON, Dec. 10 - It has now been learned that Soviet Russia gave Hitler his hardest blow of the war recently as a result of the parley between Molotoff and Hitler in which the Soviet Prime Minister warned the German leader that there was no room in the Balkans for both Russia & Germany.

Hitler's speech before 12,000 factory workers on Monday was aimed directly at Moscow and more Communistic than Joseph Stalin himself could make, said the New York Times. His speech has been termed "an apologetic excuse." He made no mention of his threatened invasion against England, said nothing about the Italian defeats but told his listeners that Germany was safe from invasion. It was the first time Hitler has even hinted at such a prospect of Germany being invaded.

U. S. FLEET IN MOTION

WASH, Dec. 10 - Following new sanctions on steel and iron to Japan, announced recently, the United States' Pacific fleet began mysterious manoeuvres from Pacific bases this week. The recent United States embargoes will seriously impede Japan's war effort, it is pointed out.

EXPAND NAVAL PLANE PATROL

London, Dec. 10 - To combat the serious loss from German submarines and surface raiders, Britain will expand the fleet air arm to combat the Nazi menace. Loss of vital shipping due to the Nazi submarines & mines, is considered Britain's gravest problem.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Dec. 14 - Winter weather gave Britain a breather from Nazi air raiders Friday night although RAF planes of the coastal command ranged over Germany, France and the channel ports.

Waves of German bombers did heavy damage to the famous steel town of Sheffield in a dusk to dawn raid Thursday night.

Raiders have been sporadic all week due to winter weather which makes flying hazardous.

RAF bombers this week struck at docks and shipping at Brest, Kiel canal and other vital Nazi bases.

Hints of a meeting right away between Hitler and Mussolini were denied in Germany Saturday.

CANADIAN ACES IN ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 12 - The first Canadian fliers to be trained in Canada under the Air Training Scheme have now arrived in England and are in action with various squadrons. A steady stream of Canadian trained airmen will now be going to England within the next months of the war.

DUTCH SHIP GETS ENEMY

LONDON, Dec. 12 - A Dutch cruiser, now operating with the Royal Navy, has captured the German freighter Rhine which tried to run the British blockade. The German freighter left Tampico, Mexico, Nov. 29th.

IRISH PRIME MINISTER CONFERS

LONDON, Dec. 12 - Prime Minister Andrews conferred with Prime Minister Churchill in London to-day regarding submarine and other bases on the Irish coast for the British.

BRIEFS

50,000 Italians residing on the Dodecanese Islands are expected to surrender within 2 months as their supply lines are completely cut off from Italy by the British navy.

President Roosevelt landed at an American port to-day following his recent cruise in the Caribbean aboard a U. S. cruiser, to inspect naval bases.