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RAF BLAST NAZI INVASION BASES IN DARING DAYLIGHT RAID

THE WAR AT A GLANCE

British Open Siege of Tobruk
 Greeks Capture Italian Stronghold
 of Klisura, push on to Valona.
 Bardia Stronghold Captured, Libya.
 Hitler Threatens Gigantic Move.
 President Roosevelt Introduces His
 "All Out Aid to Britain" Bill, Congress
 Germany - Russia Sign Trade Facts.
 British Fliers Blast German and
 Italian Bases, Depots, Factories.
 Italy Places All Supplies Under
 Government Control.

1,000 SQUARE MILES
BOMBED BY R. A. F.

LONDON, Jan. 10 - Fifty bombers of the Royal Air Force, escorted by 100 fighter planes, carried out a daring daylight raid on German airdromes, patrol ships, oil depots, docks and invasion bases Friday. It was a surprise attack, the heaviest carried out by the RAF to date and took the enemy completely by surprise. The RAF bombers swarmed over an area of 1000 square miles. Many Nazi planes, trapped on the ground, were destroyed in the raid. Three Nazi planes, attempting to contact the raiders, were shot down in flames. One British fighter pilot cracked up his machine in landing on home soil after his return from the raid.

In a night attack Friday British bombers concentrated upon the Nazi-held French port of Brest.

NEW BILL WILL GIVE ROOSEVELT WIDE POWERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan 10 - President Roosevelt to-day submitted to Congress his new "all out aid to Britain" Bill. The new measure would make it possible for America to lease or lend to Britain, Greece or China millions of dollars worth of vital war equipment and supplies, including planes, ships, guns, supplies, etc. It will also make possible the exchange of military secrets between the States and Britain and permit British ships to be repaired and outfitted in United States ports.

The new emergency bill, would give the President wide, new powers and authority and is expected to pass by a comfortable majority. Some opponents termed the new measure a "streamlined declaration of war."

SCOTCH MIST HOLDS PLANE HERE

Members of the White Pass staff, including Pilot Alex Dame, cast suspicious looks at the foggy skies this morning, scanned the weather reports with critical eyes and shook their collective heads.

No wonder! Mayo and surrounding environs to-day look like something that had been wrapped in cellophane. A regular murky mist hangs over the valley and the adjoining mountain peaks. It doesn't seem to want to move this way or that...just hangs there like a gargantuan cloak.

From the airport this morning Pilot Dame reported the visibility to the North and East didn't look too bad. From Mayo proper the ceiling looks zero-zero.

The White Pass pilot went out to the field again this afternoon to size the situation up in the hope of slipping over to Dawson. If you hear the plane go out, he's gone. If you don't he's still grounded here.

Pilot Dame dropped in to Mayo yesterday with the "Jeep," having come by way of the local route, Carmacks, Selkirk and Mayo. The ceiling wasn't too bad most of the way but icing conditions and the mists of '41 hung plainly enough around Mayo.

They're still hanging around the Mayo hills and valley at an early hour this afternoon.

HERE'S NEWS FOR MAYO PARENTS OR PARENTS TO BE

Two appropriate gifts and a "special" writeup are awaiting the first baby to be born in Mayo this New Year!

Sponsored by the Mayo Miner, the idea has the backing and co-operation of two of Mayo's largest stores - Taylor and Drury's and Mervyns.

Both John Shandro, manager at Mervyns and Charley Taylor, T&D manager, have agreed to back up their co-operation with suitable gifts, appropriate to the occasion. The Miner will devote a special writeup to Mayo's first little 1941-er. The writeup, the gifts & the good wishes of the sponsors will be presented shortly after the baby arrives.

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AROUND TOWN

Well, it looks as if the holiday jamboree is over for sure. Everybody seems to be writing 1941 instead of 1940. Page last week's Miner - dated one year behind the times despite the fact that it was turned out in this, the New Year of 1941. MORAL: Start forgetting your waistline and watch your dateline.

SO, YOU SEE! - Everybody around town agrees that it was a much quieter Christmas & New Years than it was last year. Remember... the camps had just closed and there was a big rush to Mayo and hotel space was at a premium and things were booming. Remember, too, the Donnybrook that broke out at the New Year's dance making it necessary for that affair to sign off at 3 a. m. And the roaring parties at the hotels and elsewhere after.

Yes, it was a lot quieter celebration this holiday time but, everyone agrees, it was a very fine celebration. It seems though that nearly everybody is glad the holidays are over allowing one and all to get back to regular routine and work again.

ONE OF THE BEST stories we've heard this week (excepting, perhaps, what Bucky told the two little girls he was teaching to ski last Sunday) concerns one of Mayo's up and coming young ladies. The recipient of a fine pair of skis, a present from her Daddy, the little lady proceeded to try out her new skis at once. After a short period away from home she came bouncing into the house glowing with enthusiasm. "I'm getting to be a good skier," she proudly informed her Mummy and Daddy. "I can even go down White Pass Hill. And I only fell down three times."

"You did!" exclaimed her Daddy and Mummy. "That's swell! And how many times did you go down the hill?"

"Three," replied the little girl, suavely.

It wouldn't be fair to mention names.... would it Gail?

CONGRATULATIONS THIS WEEK to a popular former Mayo couple - Mildred Waugh and "Chuck" Harrison. Milly informed us last week that she and "Chuck" were going to take the big leap as soon as she reached Vancouver where "Chuck" is now stationed with the Bank of Montreal. Formerly with the local branch of the Bank in Mayo, "Chuck" was transferred to Dawson from here, went to the coast this fall. It is understood that he is expecting a transfer from Vancouver to an interior branch in the near future.

ONE YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN in Mayo has a nice turn of humor. And how. Page the unique window display this week at Mervyn's. White ski hill, miniature skiers fashioned out of plasticine swarming over the snowy slopes, ski clothing, shirts, mitts, windbreakers etc lending reality to the picture and, of all things tins of adhesive tape and Sloan's liniment placed close to the ski hill.

The young lady who dressed that window .. and we believe her name is Winnie, certainly knows her skiing.

PERSONALS

MRS. LEN BRAME, of Galena, made a trip to Mayo Monday to consult the Doctor and remained over until Wednesday when she returned home. While in Mayo Mrs. Brame was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McCarter.

MRS. C. E. FISHER was an outgoing passenger on Thursday's plane, en route to Calgary to spend a visit with her parents. Mrs. Fisher planned to visit for a few days in Whitehorse with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wasson and family.

MISS MILDRED WAUGH, sister to Mrs. Tommy Portlock, Mayo, left on Thursday's plane en route to Vancouver where she is to be married to Mr. "Chuck" Harrison, former Accountant in the Bank of Montreal here. The popular young couple have the best wishes of their many friends in the Silverland on the advent of their wedding.

CON LAKENESS and JOHN BACKE left on Sunday for Haggart Creek; planning on making the long hike most of the way on skis. Backe is not remaining on the Creeks but went out for the trip.

JOHN GATEY and CLARENCE BLIELER, who also came in from that district to spend the holidays in town - hit out for their winter headquarters on Dublin Gulch Monday.

OSCAR MILLER, pioneer Silverite who had been developing his placer ground on Goring Creek, in the Dawson district, left for his Galena home on Monday. Oscar plans on spending the next month or so up the hill.

NORMAN MERVYN set out on Sunday last, with his one-dog team, on the long 120 mile trip to the headwaters of the Stewart where he will rejoin his brother Kaiser and the Kelly brothers who are trapping in that area this winter. Norman had to come back to Mayo earlier in the fall to undergo an appendix operation. He had left with the other three when they planed over to their trapping grounds early in the fall.

JOHN OLAND was in this week from his trapping grounds down the Stewart.

LOUIS BOUVETTE, famous discoverer of Keno Hill and the man who was responsible for the swing to silver in this camp, paid a short visit to Mayo this week. Louis says he came through the Christmas and New Years festivities with flying colors but that it was kind of quiet out at Minto Bridge where he makes his home.

WITH THE TROOPS

Every mail brings further word concerning former popular young Mayo men who are now serving with the colors.

"Colonel" Bill Boyle, the "Jack Oakie" of the Northland, veteran of the last war, is now well on his way in this war. Bill is in the Air Force, stationed at Vancouver.

Jack Cook, who left here with the first batch of recruits from Mayo, is with the Seaforth Highlanders, stationed in Calgary. Don Poole is in the Air Force, now in active training and stationed at Brandon. Norman Hartnell, son of Mrs. Ed. Kimbel of Mayo, has been attached to the Searchlight Battalion in Victoria since arriving at the coast but has successfully passed his tests for the Air Force and expects to join that branch of the service any day now. Roy Hallin, formerly with the Radio Station here, is on active service with the Canadian contingent in Scotland.

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PLANES & PILOTS

Mail From American Boat Brod
 in Friday

Despite "spotty" weather up the line, the
 White Pass Travelair, Pilot Alex Dame, landed
 here from Whitehorse Friday, bringing mail
 from an American boat which reached Skagway
 Thursday.

Pilot Dame remained in Mayo overnight owing
 to poor flying weather in the Dawson area.

AIRMAIL IN WEDNESDAY: Flying the Fairchild,
 Chief Pilot Lionel Vines landed from White-
 horse Wednesday with a small quantity of
 airstage mail and airmail. From Mayo Pilot
 Vines made a bush trip to the Hess River;
 returning to Mayo the same afternoon.

He hopped for Whitehorse Thursday morning,
 taking out airstage and airmail and two
 passengers from Mayo. They were: Mrs. C. E.
 Fisher and Miss Mildred Waugh.

BOAT SCHEDULES: Princess Norah left Vanc-
 ouver Friday night, Jan. 10 and is due in
 Skagway next Tues, Jan. 14; sailing south
 the same night. The only other southbound
 sailing of the Norah this month will be on
 January 28th. Two sailings are scheduled for
 February, the first Feb. 11 and again on 22nd.

ACCORDING TO the Whitehorse Star of Friday's
 date, Pilot Ernie Kubicek, White Pass flier,
 has left for the outside.

SNOWY WEATHER: It's still hard to believe
 that this is the month of January - a month
 in the North famed for 50-below zero spells
 and sometimes even colder. But outside of
 a fleeing sample of such sub zero temperatures,
 on Jan 2nd., the Weather Man has been un-
 usually lenient. Here it is, nearly half
 of January over, and no extreme cold to date.

This past week has been one of snowfalls
 and snow flurries with considerable wind.
 It snowed here Sunday and Monday with gusty
 snow flurries Tuesday, ditto Wednesday with
 more snow during the night. Thursday showed
 signs of clearing up but Mayoites awoke Fri-
 day morning to another day of snow flurries
 which felt more like sleet by late afternoon.

NOVA WALLOPS COMISKEY. NEW YORK, Jan. 10-In
 a bruising 10-round battle in Madison Square
 garden to-night, Lou Nova, long absent from
 the ring and rosin wars, decisively walloped
 the up and coming Pat Comiskey. Comiskey's
 climb up the heavyweight trail was given a
 severe setback as a result of the beating he
 took at Nova's hands. The judges were unan-
 imous in giving Nova the verdict.

Mayo Merchants and Hotelmen had a busy time of it Friday. No sooner would they get
 one snowfall swept away then another came along to make them get the broom out again.

FRESH PERISHABLES

In By Plane: Fresh Celery

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Fresh Tomatoes

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Class WorkMISS MABEL SULLIVAN
Mayo, Y.T.JACK COOK NOW WITH
SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS

Recent advices state that Jack Cook, formerly one of the Treadwell Yukon's crack miners at the Calumet, is now with the famous Seaforth Highlanders, Lucknow Platoon, and stationed at Currie Barracks, Calgary.

Jack, one of the leading figures in the Calumet Bombers Club when that Galena Hill organization was thriving, was among the first young men to sign up here as soon as recruiting got under way in the Yukon. He transferred to the Seaforth Highlanders soon after he reached the coast.

DAMAGED CARS NOW
BEING REPAIRED

George Palmers Plymouth sedan which was in a collision with Bud Fisher's Chevrolet passenger car Dec. 31st., was brought to town last week by George and Tommy Portlock, and is now undergoing repairs.

Bud and Alex McCarter brought in the Chevrolet touring car last week also and it, too, is undergoing repairs in the Fisher Service Co. garage.

The two cars were unavoidably damaged on the morning of Dec. 31st. when they met head on at a bend on the Sand Hills, about 3 to 4 miles above Minto bridge. McCarter was on the way to the Elsa with the Fisher car while Portlock was en route to Mayo with the Palmer Plymouth when the collision occurred.

FUNERAL FOR LATE
LEWIS BOWDEN MONDAY

Funeral services for the late Lewis Bowden, Mayo District pioneer, were held on Monday afternoon from St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Rev. R. S. Boyd, Rector of St. Mary's, officiated at the Church and at the grave. Interment was made in Mayo Public Cemetery.

There was a good turnout at the funeral and a large number of wreaths and floral tributes rested on the casket. Hymns sung at the funeral service were "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me," Organ accompaniments were played by Mrs. Chas. Taylor.

The late Sourdough was widely known throughout this district where he had resided these past many years. Although he had worked on Hight Creek for Elmer Middlecoff for some fifteen years, Mr. Bowden, during the latter years of his life, had farmed successfully in Mayo. He had been in ill health these past few years. His death was the result of a paralytic stroke which he suffered the day after Christmas when he was rushed to the hospital but succumbed two days later.

Pall Bearers were: Elmer Middlecoff, Archie Close, Ed. Blieler, Irwin Ray, George Ortell, Louis Cantin.

The funeral was under direction of the Mayo Funeral Service.

ALASKAN PILOTS BRAVE
DARKNESS & 25 BELOW
WEATHER- EMERGENCY FLIGHT

While most Alaskans were chatting gaily over their Christmas dinners, two intrepid Alaskan fliers were winging through the Arctic night in a desperate attempt to save the life of a pioneer woman - Mrs. Elsie Green.

The 48-year-old wife of Daniel Green, widely-known Alaskan, died of cerebral apoplexy one hour after an after dark emergency flight in 25-below weather by Pilot Bill Lavery landed her in Fairbanks. Mrs. Green suffered a stroke Xmas Eve at Manley Hot Springs where for the past 15 years they had conducted the roadhouse. A figure of anguish, Mrs. Lon Brennan kept vigil with the dying woman in the Hot Springs roadhouse while her commercial pilot husband warmed up his ship and took off in the frigid pre-dawn blackness of 2 a. m. to fetch a doctor.

BRENNAN FORCED TO LAND: A frozen fuel line forced Pilot Brennan to land near the native village of Minto. His plane was only slightly damaged in the forced landing and the flier was able to hike to warmth and shelter in the Indian Village.

Brennan radioed his plight back to Hot Springs. The message was picked up by a shortwave operator who opened fire with a 10-hour barrage of help calls. The message was finally picked up by Harry Spencer, a private pilot, "fiddling" with the radio in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bryant, of Hot Springs. After an hour of rapid telephoning Spencer contacted Fairbanks. Then, after a telephone conference with Dr. Hagg - land, Pilot Bill Lavery took off from Fairbanks airport at 2 p. m. in skies already shaded by early nightfall. He was accompanied by Mechanic Mel Flora and Leo Malloy. He was back at Fairbanks airport at 4:30 p. m. with the sick woman, landing after dark.

Pilot Bob Reeve and Flora flew to Brennan's aid the next day with spare parts for his damaged plane.

NEWS OF THE NORTH

WHITEHORSE

SKATING TRAGEDY: Bob Smith and Lawrence Pettigrew, two young men employed with Columbia Development Co., lost their lives last week when they broke through the ice while skating on Atlin Lake. They were half a mile from shore at the time. Kenneth Roxborough saw the pair splashing in open water and raised an alarm. Chris Johnson hurried across the rubbery ice and got within a short distance of the struggling skaters when both disappeared. Provincial Constable Bennett and others tried to recover the bodies with grappling irons without the success as the water at that point is 200 feet deep. Both young men were aged 24. Smith hailed from Burnaby, B. C. and Pettigrew from Saskatchewan.

HOCKEY: After winning the opener, the White Pass hockey team has suffered three successive defeats at the hands of Dick White's flashy Town squad. In the fourth game played Sunday the Town Hurricanes downed the speedy Navigators 6-3. Manager White, ex-Mayo athletic star, was jubilant at the way his lads dusted off their speedy opposition but Manager Dave Wilson of the White Pass looked worried. Dave promises to inject a couple of new players soon which will bolster his team's attack.

The teams: White Pass: Sansom, D. Blaker, L. Gault, Norrington, Dalgarno, Anderson, Smith, Perchie, MacBride, Ross, B. Cyr and M. Lee.

Town: McLeod, Roth, Metcalfe, Bird, Todd, Murray, Phelps, P. Cyr, F. Blaker, Patterson, Porter and MacPherson.

OFF TO CARMACKS: The T. C. Richards Transportation stage left for Carmacks on Monday of this week for Carmacks. Cecil Richards was in charge of the trip and had with him Don Murray, Roy Foster and Boyd Gordon.

GOES OUT: Vaughn Wood, White Pass Co-pilot, left Tuesday on a trip to the Coast.

BRIDGE MARATHON: The I.O.D.E. are arranging a bridge marathon for patriotic purposes. Patterns will be drawn for and the opening games will be held in Masonic Hall, later in homes if desired.

An appeal has reached the I. O. D. E. for baby's blankets, size about 36 x 50, for small children sleeping in shelters in the bombed areas of the Old Country.

GREAT SPORTS ACTIVITY: Whitehorse is enjoying one of its best sports winters in many years with skating, hockey, curling all booming. Skiing is also one of the popular winter pastimes with new devotees trying out the "planks" all the time.

ATTENTION ALEX Mc: Mrs. Joan Minet of Bear Creek arrived by Y. S. A. T. plane from the coast New Year's Day after a 4-months vacation outside. She left for her home at Bear Creek, near Dawson, Thursday.

ED. NOTE: Joan, it will be recalled, was the glamorous, heavy-hitting star of the Bear Creek Golden Bears who visited Mayo to play the local lassies on July 1st. Joan made more than baseball hits while in Mayo and also many friends. More than one young married woman in Mayo promised to wham their hubbies over the head with a baseball bat if they didn't lay off singing the praises "of that Minet girl."

CARMACKS

"Who did they find behind the door in Nellie's room?"

"What did Mussolini say when I put itch powder in his long, red flannels?"

These and a bunch more were the uproarious questions which the gay-hearted citizens of Carmacks had to give answers to at the big Community Jamboree held in Brown's Road-house New Year's Eve.

Everybody and his wife turned out for the big doings. No admission - dancing as long as you liked and whoopee in style.

It was a gala night and a colossal New Year's morn. Old Man 1940 was kicked out to a malemute dirge while Young 1941 was welcomed with open arms while Mayor Bill Langham tied the safety pin into place.

Everybody present was called upon to give a one-minute talk on pertinent topics and questions of the day: Here are some of them:

BILL LANGHAM: "Does the addition of Burgundy improve gopher stew?" "Ha," chortled Bill, "right down my alley."

FRANK GOULTER: "If sawdust and arsenic soap is used to stuff owls, why isn't it used to stuff turkeys?"

GENE MACK: "How me and Bishop Stringer munched 1765 miles on one mocassin stew and all I got was a stomach ache from chewing on lace holes."

A. R. HAYES: "What the Duke of Windsor said when I asked him if he bought anything from Eatons."

MRS. ROSE KELLY: "What Mussolini said when I put itch powder in his long red flannels."

MRS. W. J. LANGHAM: "Is garlic a vegetable or a menace?"

MRS. HAYES: "The sex life of the red pickled cabbage."

TONY HAYES: "The story the Archbishop of Canterbury told me about the the travelling salesman."

...And so on.

Did they have fun! The gay doings wound up at 5 a. m. with Bill Langham's stentorian basso profundo roaring out with vim, vigor and vitality the stirring patriotic chorus: "There'll Always Be an England."

WINDY RIDGE

MAYOR HANK COLE sat down on a hot iron New Year's Eve and burnt himself in the south end so Abigail Jenks had to do the announcing for the Hoe Down in the Jig and Boom Ballroom.

Nearly everybody in town came from miles around. Crowbar Cassidy brot a bing gang in from the Blue Grouse camp above the Ridge on the tramline but they all got so noisy nobody heard the Old Year go out or the New Year come in.

Twostep Nell won the first prize for the most comical costume; coming to the ball looking natural.

The best dance number of the ball occurred while Corny Cummings and his trio were playing the supper waltz "Swing Me Around Again Maggie." Hash Banks bottle of Demerara Rum got so excited it toppled off the top of the piano and crashed into the drums and cymbals, causing an awful uproar and splashing Peek-a-Boo Lil's new dress.

The affair was a howling success.

HITLER MOVE IN BALKANS SAID TO BE NEAR

LOCALS

UNUSUAL RADIO ANTICS: Maybe it was the weather or something unusual in the air, but foreign reception was coming in last night clear as a bell on long wave frequencies.

Your reporter heard London and other European stations on the long wave band even more clearly and distinct than some of the more powerful American and Canadian long wave stations. As a matter of fact K. P. O., generally booming in strong here, was blanketed for a certain time last night, by the short wave from London.

PIONEERS IN SESSION: The Mayo Lodge of the Yukon Order of Pioneers held its annual meeting on Thursday night of this week when new officers were elected for the ensuing year. They were: G. S. Churchward - President. Sam Blackmore, Vice-President. J. E. Ferrell, Sect'y-Treas (re-elected), J. V. Smith - Chaplain, Joe Garron, Warden, E. Middlecoff, Guard.

Jack Royston, retiring President and Sam Blackmore and J. V. Smith are the new Trustees.

After the business of the evening had been disposed of the Pioneers and their invited guests sat down to an appetizing lunch prepared and arranged for by the Committee comprising Jack Smith and Sam Blackmore. A very enjoyable session ensued with stories and good cheer holding the spotlight.

I. O. D. E. ELECT NEW OFFICERS: At the annual business meeting of the Mayo Chapter IODE, held in IODE House Wednesday night, new officers nominated for the following year: They were: Mrs. R. S. Steeves, Regent, (re-elected), Mrs. J. Andison and Mrs. F. A. Whitney, Vice-Regents, Mrs. J. Shandro, Sect'y-Treasurer, Treasurer to be decided upon at a later date. Echoes Sect'y- Mrs. A. McCarter. Standard Bearer: Mrs. Geo. Aylwin.

W. A. Elect New Officers: The W. A. of St. Mary's Church held its annual business meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Whitney. Newly elected officers for 1941 are: President - Mrs. A. McCarter. Vice President - Mrs. G. R. Bidlake. Sect'y- Mrs. J. Shandro. Treas. - Mrs. G. A. McIntyre. Mrs. F. Cantin, assisted by Miss Nancy Jeffrey, will have charge of the Junior W. A. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor charge of the Little Helpers.

DANCE AT VILLAGE: A dance was held at the Indian Village last Friday night, week ago. Quite a few Mayoites hiked down to the Village to take in the affair.

SKIERS OUT IN FORCE: Mayo ski fans were out in force last Sunday to try out the newly-discovered ski run across the Stewart River. Grown ups and kiddies alike enjoyed one of their finest skiing afternoons of the winter. The weather was mild, there was just enough snow and, all in all, it was a very successful skiing session.

BADMINTON: There was an extra large turnout at the badminton games Tuesday night; about 25 being present.

THE WAR IN BRIEF

CAIRO, Jan. 10 - British forces open siege of Tobruk, Italian stronghold in Africa, by land, sea and air. Tobruk encircled by Empire troops as mechanized units push on across the desert to important Italian port at Benghazi.

Ethiopian troops, revolting against Fascist domination, aid British in African war.

Italian ports, naval bases and factories blasted by RAF and Greek bombers at Naples, Messina, Tripoli, Valona and other strategic centres.

Greek forces within 30 miles of Italian port of Valona, on the Albanian coast, after capturing Klisura where enemy put to flight. Greeks encircling Italians from North and South. Both sides preparing to fight major battle in Northern Albania.

Bardia captured Sunday, Jan. 5 by British Empire troops led by Australians. 30,000 Italian troops captured bringing to nearly 100,000 Italian prisoners captured to date in Albania and Africa.

Hitler concentrates thousands of troops in Bulgaria from which point he is expected to make a drive into Greece towards the important seaport at Salonika.

Hitler expected to make decisive move before U. S. aid to Britain swings odds against him.

Danish paper comes out Friday with screaming, black headlines with threat of impending German action vs Britain on large scale. Believed Danish paper warning trial balloon ordered by Hitler who claims he is nearing the decisive phase of the war.

LONDON, Jan. 10 - Nazi bombers raided Britain to-night after a four-day lull owing to the weather. Heavy raids carried out against Liverpool and southwestern towns but London bombing very light.

CAIRO, Jan. 5 - Four senior generals and 1 corps commander captured in brilliant British victory at Bardia where Mussolini had ordered his troops to die rather than give up. They gave themselves up.

Free French troops join British forces in African campaign.

LONDON, Jan. 10 - Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative to Britain, arrives in London Friday during air raid. Consults with Prime Minister Churchill, Eden & Halifax. "I have no misgivings as to whom will win the war," Hopkins, who made the trip by plane from the States, declared. "Peak production of the United States would be attained by the end of 1941," he said.

JOE WALSH SUFFERS PAINFUL AXE CUT

Joe Walsh, ex-war veteran of Mayo, was admitted to the hospital Thursday and it is reported he will be laid up for some little time. While cutting and gathering wood near his home Thursday Joe accidentally sat down on his axe and suffered a painful cut in the thigh.

George Reid, injured by a bad cut on the chin in the recent car accident, is expected to be able to leave the hospital Sunday.

Fred Lefebvre, pioneer lumber man of Mayo, has been a patient all week. Jimmy Fulton is still confined to the hospital.