

TCA PLANE CRASH, ONTARIO KILLS 12

PILOT TWISS OF CANADIAN AIR LINER, FORMERLY FLEW IN THE YUKON BEFORE JOINING TCA.

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SILVERITES HEAD OUT

MANY IN FROM HILL

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BRITISH FORCES CAPTURE BENGASI - NOW CONTROL ALL EASTERN LIBYA

EMPIRE FORCES TOOK ENEMY
BY SURPRISE AFTER LIGHTNING THRUST
ACROSS THE DESERT.

LONDON, Feb. 7 - Strategy and speed, combined with complete co-ordination between the army, navy and air force has led to the capture of Bengasi by Britain's forces.

Bengasi, the pride of Mussolini's African Empire, fell to the Empire troops without a battle. The defending Italians were thrown into complete rout as advancing Empire troops advanced from the North and South.

Marshall Graziani and his army expected the British advance along the coastal route from the North. They struck from two different directions, the mechanized units and Australians striking inland to form a pincer attack against the Italians.

The capture of Bengasi is described as one of the most brilliantly executed British campaigns on record. The allied forces sped across the desert from Derna to Bengasi, a distance of 160 miles, in 7 days. Cold weather and stinging dust storms impeded their progress.

Ships of the British navy shelled the port of Bengasi from the sea while squadrons of Royal Air Force bombers and fighters attacked from the sky.

After a two month campaign which started Dec. 7 with the capture of Sidi Barrani General Wavell's Army of the Nile has captured all of eastern Libya.

The harbor of Bengasi, one of the best on the Libyan coast, is of great importance to the British and will allow an even tighter blockade of Italy.

Berlin had no comment to make on the latest British victory while Italian papers told the people that a terrific battle had been waged before the defenders gave way.

Bengasi is one of the most modern cities in Libya with a population of 65,000. The fall of this African stronghold was the worst suffered by Mussolini to date.

In addition to securing a fine harbor at Bengasi Britain also secures additional airfields from which to strike at the German dive bombers now based in Sicily and which have been aiding Mussolini by attacking British shipping and convoys in the Mediterranean.

PILOT W. E. TWISS, EX
YUKON FLIER, WAS AT THE
CONTROLS OF ILL FATED
AIR LINER.

TORONTO, Feb. 7 - Captain W. E. Twiss, First Officer Lloyd and 10 passengers lost their lives when a Canadian plane of Trans-Canada Airways crashed near Armstrong, Ont. Parts of the plane were scattered over a wide area after the big airliner plunged to the ground, in brush country.

The wreckage did not catch on fire. Mail and express on the big ship were recovered without damage.

Pilot Twiss was one of Trans-Canada's veteran pilots. He had been flying for 11 years. During the season of 1937 - 38 he flew for the White Pass & Yukon Route in the Yukon, mostly as co-pilot, until he left for the outside to join TCA.

Pilot Twiss joined the White Pass in October 1937, two months prior to the late Pilot Lionel Vines, killed so tragically near Dawson last week when his plane crashed.

Before coming North Pilot Twiss was with Wells Air Transport, of Vancouver.

NAZI TROOPS READY TO
MARCH INTO BULGARIA

SOFIA, Feb. 7 - It is reported here to-day that Bulgarian officials are asking permission from Turkey for Nazi soldiers to march through Bulgaria.

Even should Turkey refuse it is believed that Hitler's troops will move into Bulgaria within a few weeks.

MUSSOLINI WANTS
BLOCKADE LIFTED

VICHY, Feb. 7 - It is currently rumoured that Premier Mussolini has requested the Vichy Government to intercede with Britain to lift, temporarily at least, the British blockade in order that 80,000 colonials in Ethiopia may be evacuated to Italy. Otherwise Mussolini fears that the colonists may soon face annihilation at the hands of the native tribes of Ethiopia.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 - A crisis is expected to come to a climax in France Saturday as Pierre Laval, ousted member of Petain's cabinet, insists on becoming Premier of France, with strong Nazi backing.

LOCAL & PERSONAL

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able in advance.

BABY DAUGHTER BORN TO
MR. & MRS. G. E. FISHER

Bud Fisher received a wire Tuesday morning announcing the glad tidings that his wife gave birth, on that day, Feb. 4, to a baby daughter in Calgary.

Bud was kept busy on Tuesday passing around the cigars to celebrate the occasion.

LARGE TURNOUT AT
IODE CARD PARTY

There was a large turnout at the I O D E card party held in I O D E House last Saturday night.

Prize winners at bridge were Mrs. John Shandro and Rev. Boyd while Jack Smith walked off with the pan prize.

Mrs. Chas. Taylor won a special prize for holding the lucky door ticket.

Refreshments were served after the card games under the supervision of the conveners, Mrs. G. Y. Wilson and Mrs. S. M. Wood.

One of the largest turnouts in the past several months attended. Funds were for the war work of the Mayo Chapter.

REQUEST NUMBER HEARD HERE
FOR WELL KNOWN MAYOITES

Over the Fairbanks radio station KFAR was heard last Sunday evening two request numbers - one for Ed. Kimbel on the occasion of his birthday and the other for Norman Hartnell, son of Mrs. Ed. Kimbel, who is now with the RCAF, in Victoria. The request numbers were played at the request of Mrs. Kimbel.

GROUNDHOG SAW HIS
SHADOW

Last Sunday, Feb. 2nd. traditional groundhog day, was bright, clear and sunny. According to legend the groundhog comes out of his hole that day, takes a squint around & if he sees his shadow he hikes back for another six weeks. Meaning, of course, that we're in for another six weeks of winter before spring shows up. Judging from the mild weather all this week it looks as if Mr. Woodchuck was the one who got fooled this year.

OLD SALT SAYS 'TWILL
BE AN EARLY SPRING

Over the radio from back East this week came the prediction of a grizzled old Sea Captain who swears it's going to be an early spring. How does he know? He says the shad are running already - a positive sign designating an early spring.

A PICTURE SHOW "King of Kings" was shown in Mayo Public School Monday afternoon for the school children. The same film was also shown in St. Mary's Church on Monday and Wednesday evenings of this week.

SHUTDOWN PARTY, DANCE
HELD AT THE CALUMET

Employees of the Treadwell Yukon Corp'n. on Galena Hill may have felt disappointed last week when they heard about the sudden shutdown of operations at the Calumet. But the news didn't keep them from staging a shutdown party and dance.

The earlier part of the evening was devoted to cards, followed by dancing and refreshments. Everybody who could possibly get there took in the affair, including several from Mayo. Everybody had a "whale of a good time."

MAYOITES' HOME HAS
CLOSE CALL FROM
NEAR SERIOUS FIRE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kimbel had a close call last Sunday afternoon from what might easily have been a serious fire.

Dick and his wife left their home shortly after lunch to take some moving pictures of their children. They were only away about 20 minutes and hadn't gone any farther than Tony Besner's home.

Upon entering their house upon their return Mrs. Kimbel quickly noticed that the front room was full of smoke. She immediately yelled to Dick who rushed in to find that their bedding and mattress was on fire. Dick picked up the mattress and bedding and hurried it outside. Curtains on the bedroom window had burned to ashes while fire had eaten into the linoleum and parts of the woodwork.

Mrs. Kimbel believes the fire may have started from a cigarette which caught in the window curtains before she left the house.

At any rate it was fortunate that Dick and his wife returned when they did for if it hadn't been nipped just in time, the fire might easily have done considerable damage.

RAY STARTS FREIGHTING
TO HAGGART CREEK

Irwin Ray and Hugo Seaholm left on Tuesday of this week with a big load of fuel oil and other supplies for Haggart Creek in preparation for a busy season's mining operations ahead.

The trip was made with Ed. Barker's "cat" which Irwin and Hugo finished overhauling last week.

Sam Wood, Mining Recorder for Mayo, made the trip out to Haggart and back with Ray and Seaholm. They got back to town Thursday night.

KELLY BROTHERS & KAISER
MERVYN IN FROM LONG TRIP

Bringing in their winters' catch of furs, the Kelly Brothers, Gerald and Brian and Kaiser Mervyn completed the long, 150-mile overland hike to Mayo this week from their trapping headquarters up the Stewart. After a few days in Mayo the up-river trappers plan on returning to the headwaters of the Stewart to carry on with their trapping operations until spring.

WITH MILD WEATHER again prevailing in the Silver Valley, the ski fans of Mayo are again out in force. The badminton games are also going full swing this week with good turnouts reported on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

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AIRMAIL IN MONDAY PASSENGERS NORTH

Pilot Everett Wasson came in from White-
horse on Monday with the Travelair; bringing
airmail. From Mayo he went to Dawson, taking
the following from here:

Rev. R. S. Boyd
Eugene Grenier.

FLIES PILOT VINES BODY SOUTH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday Pilot Wasson flew the body of
the late Pilot Lionel Vines from Dawson to
Whitehorse. Funeral services for Pilot Vines
were held in Whitehorse Thursday. Further
details of the funeral will be published as
soon as the Miner gets the particulars from
Whitehorse.

FOUR LEAVE HERE THURSDAY

Pilot Dame flew the Travelair to Mayo on
Thursday, returning south direct with the
following from Mayo:

Thos. McKay
Harry Colley
L. Muir
Ed. Runacres.

The Mayo passengers leaving Thursday ex-
pected to fly all the way to the coast.

EIGHT MORE GOING SOUTH

Eight passengers are waiting here to
fly south on the next White Pass plane. The
twin-motored Condor was expected through here
to-day but, up to noon, it was doubtful if
the flight would be made owing to a snow
storm and poor flying weather.

Passengers leaving on the southbound
flight are: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickie, Neil
Dickie, Chas. Dickie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kotyk,
Lars Kruse and Elmer Palmer.

Most of these passengers expect to catch
the CPR boat out of Skagway next Tuesday night.

Waiting here for the first plane to Dawson
are Magnus Wilson, Pete Becko and E. Popovich.

RAY MARTIN, member of the mechanical staff
of the W. P. & Y. R. airplane service ret-
urned to Whitehorse last Tuesday, week ago,
from a vacation trip outside.

PILOT ERNIE KUBICEK of the White Pass &
Yukon Route's flying staff, was expected back
in Whitehorse this week following his recent
holiday trip outside.

US WILL LIMIT AID TO BILLION & A QUARTER

PRESS NEWS

LOST U. S. BOMBER FOUND. Tacoma, Feb. 3-

Two searchers to-day spotted the wreckage of a twin-engined U. S. army bomber which had crashed on a high ledge near the Rainier Valley on January 16th. The plane, with seven crew members aboard, took off from McCord Field, Tacoma, on that date, bound for Sacramento. At one time over 40 planes joined in the search for the missing bomber but without success. The two searchers, members of a large search party, espied the wreckage 8 miles away through field glasses. Army and Air Force officials went to the scene of the crash to hold an investigation.

DEBATE "LEND-LEASE" BILL. Wash, D. C. Feb 3.

The debate on the "Lend Lease Bill" got under way in the House of Representatives this week. It was expected that the Bill would be passed before the end of the week. Speaker Rayburn predicted that the vital measure would be passed with a majority of 100-120 votes.

WILKIE VISITS IRELAND, London, Feb. 4 -

Wendell Wilkie flew to Dublin to-day to have a talk with Premier Eamon DeValera and members of his cabinet. Upon his return to London Mr. Wilkie visited Buckingham Palace where he had tea with the King & Queen.

In a press interview Tuesday Wilkie declared that "Britain and the Empire was supremely fortunate in having such inspired leadership during these critical times."

He was scheduled to fly back to the United States on Wednesday.

CHURCHILL SPEAKS SUNDAY. London, Feb. 7 -

Prime Minister Churchill will deliver a speech over an Empire-wide hookup Sunday. The speech will be carried over the United States networks; also over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's network and will be heard at 12 noon, Pacific Standard Time.

COMPLETES MERCY FLIGHT. Vancouver, Feb. 7

Pilot Tommy Laurie, of Canadian Airways Ltd. returned to Vancouver to-day after a mercy flight which he is not likely to forget for some time to come. Laurie took off last week for an isolated spot up in the Queen Charlotte Islands to get Dr. Stan Miller who was critically ill with pneumonia. It took the flier 7 days to make the 800 mile flight on which he was forced down several times by bad weather and had a hard time keeping his plane from damage by high wind and rocky beaches.

Dr. Miller had so improved by the time he reached Vancouver that he was able to walk from the mercy ship after it landed.

GUARD U. S. EMBASSY. Rome, Feb. 7 -

Hundreds of Italian army regulars are guarding the American Consulate in Rome as protection against scores of college students demonstrating against the Democracies.

PREDICTS SPEEDY PLANES. New York, Feb. 7

John E. Kennedy, official of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation predicts that planes capable of 1,000 miles an hour are feasible.

LIMITATION CLAUSE WRITTEN IN LEND LEASE BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 7 - Final vote on the "Lend Lease Bill" was expected to come on Saturday.

On Friday a limitation clause was accepted and passed.

As a result of this clause the amount of war materials, etc. to be loaned or leased can not exceed 1 billion, 300 million dollars or roughly 10% of the total U. S. defence expenditures for the fiscal year of 1941.

FRANCE REPORTED UNWILLING GIVE HITLER, NAVY

New York, Feb. 7 - Unconfirmed reports from Vichy Friday disclosed that the Vichy government has refused to yield to Hitler the French navy and important naval bases in Africa.

Reports to this effect have reached Berno, Switzerland.

Military experts see in Hitler's attempt to grab the French navy a move whereby he might gain some kind of much-needed victory in Africa to offset the recent British victories against Italy. Since the British campaign in Libya and other parts of Africa have proved so successful, a great wave of pro-British sympathy has spread over France. Hitler is now trying to do everything in his power to thwart this new surge of pro-British feeling throughout France.

HARRY HOPKINS ON WAY BACK HOME

New York, Feb. 7 - Harry Hopkins, personal envoy for President Roosevelt who has been in England these past few weeks sizing up the war situation for the President, planned to return by clipper ship to the States this week.

Hopkins was sent to England to represent the United States pending appointment of a new ambassador to Britain to succeed Joseph Kennedy, resigned. John G. Winant, the newly-appointed ambassador, will leave for England as soon as Hopkins gets back.

DICKENS BOOKS MORE POPULAR THAN EVER

London, Feb. 7 - The anniversary of the birthday of Charles Dickens, famed English novelist, was celebrated in traditional style on Friday.

There is a great demand for Dickens' books these days, a demand made more pronounced since the war in that his novels make for good war reading.

BRITONS WATCH NIGHT AIR ATTACK.

LONDON, Feb. 7 - Britons stood on the Kentish shore Friday night and watched scores of RAF planes as they ripped and flashed at Hitler's invasion bases at Boulogne and Calais in one of their most savage air raids of the war. It was the second night in succession that the RAF raided invasion bases across the channel. Concussion from the RAF bombs shook houses on the Kentish Coast.

MANY IN FROM GALENA FOLLOWING SHUTDOWN

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Pair of Horn Rimmed Glasses.
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Reward.

MAYO WOMAN DONATES SKI DOLL FOR WAR WORK

On display in the window at Mervyn's Store this week is a novel ski doll for which raffle tickets are now being sold under auspices of the I. O. D. E. Tickets on the doll may be bought at Mervyn's store.

The doll, which is dressed up in typical ski costume, even to skis, skiing togs and a small pack on its back, came all the way to Mayo from Norway and was donated to the Mayo Chapter, I. O. D. E., by Mrs. Alex Nicol, pioneer Mayo woman.

Certain of the Mayo school children are also selling raffle tickets around town on the unique doll.

TO KENO WEDNESDAY

Lance Corporal W. W. Sutherland left with Alex McCarter and a Fisher Service Co. truck Wednesday, for Keno, on official business.

WARM IN VANCOUVER.

Feb. 4 - Vancouver experienced its warmest February day on record to-day. It was 61 above zero. Apparently that must have been in the shade for it was 51 above in the sun the same day in Mayo.

RECENT T. Y. SHUTDOWN AFFECTS MANY SILVERITES

Complete shutdown of Treadwell Yukon Corp'n. operations at the Calumet has affected quite a number of people in this district.

Many of the company employees are heading outside or for Dawson; some are remaining in the camp in the hopes that operations will be resumed in April while others are not quite decided what to do.

As a result of the shutdown last week practically everyone from Galena has been in town, off and on this week.

Those whose homes and families are in Mayo have moved back to town; a number, especially married men and their families are remaining on Galena while several are heading south.

Eugene Grenier, formerly one of the shift bosses at the Calumet, who was all set to return to work the first of the month after a month's holiday, left for Dawson by plane on Monday.

Also planning on going to Dawson at the first opportunity are Magnus Wilson, Pete Becko and E. Popovich.

Ed. Runacres and Les Muir caught the south-bound plane Thursday while waiting here for the next plane south are Frank Dickie and his wife and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Katyk, Elmer Palmer and Lars Kruse.

A number of other Silverites are thinking about going outside or moving elsewhere but have not yet definitely decided. Everyone is in the same boat these days...until something definite is known regarding the camp's future, it is difficult to make plans of any kind.

Meanwhile everybody is hoping for the best and trusting that things will go ahead in the spring.

PIONEER SILVERITES GO TO THE COAST

Leaving on Thursday's plane en route to Vancouver were two well known Silverites .. Thos. McKay and Harry Colley.

Tommy is heading for Vancouver to undergo medical treatment and expects to be back North just as soon as possible. Harry is also heading for the coast on a short business trip & plans on returning before the snow flies.

ARCHIE MARTIN is a visitor in Mayo this week from Keno. A. L. "Dick" Major paid a flying visit to town Tuesday, returning home Wednesday. Glen Rear came to town on a short business trip Tuesday, returning home to the Calumet Thursday. Sinc. Dunnett, Jr. who had been operating one of the Diesel shifts at the Calumet, has joined his wife and baby daughter in Mayo. Jimmy Breden also came in following the shutdown to join his wife and family in Mayo. "Spot" had resumed his job at the Calumet early in January. Tommy Foley plans on going up river with Frank Cantin for a month and may go to Dawson after he comes back. Murdock McLean, T. Y. Diesel operator at the Calumet, has moved back to his home in Mayo, following the shutdown. Other well known Silverites visiting Mayo this week included Jock Reid, Jack Boond, Reg. Millar, Herb. Lovdal, Con Carthum, Ed. MacKenzie & others.

According to the Fairbanks News-Miner of recent date, Johnnie McDonald, former T. Y. employe, has left for Seattle. Johnnie & his wife and kiddies left here in December, for Fbnks.

