

## BRITISH SMASH DEFENCES OF BARDIA

### German Fire Attack on London Proves Abortive

**Rooftop Watchers Extinguish Bombs as They Land. R. A.F. Blasts Hamburg in Sustained Assault. Russia Reported to be Demanding Roumanian Province of Moldavia. British Industry Thrives.**

The German air force made another attempt to give London a baptism of fire Sunday night. Many planes were engaged but roof-top watchers made the attack abortive as hundreds of incendiary bombs were extinguished before serious fires developed.

In the meantime the R. A. F. reported that a Nazi destroyer at Brest and two supply vessels off Norway had been bombed. Giving Bremen a brief respite, British fliers made a heavy assault on the German city of Hamburg, and important industrial centre. Many factories and other strategic locations received a terrific blasting.

From Belgrade comes a despatch to the effect that Germany is accelerating troop movements into Italy. Eighteen Nazi divisions are expected to be south of the Brenner Pass by the end of January. By the same time forty German divisions are scheduled to arrive in Roumania.

**Expect New Russian Demands**  
At Budapest to-day it was disclosed that telephone communication with Roumanian areas is disrupted and train service halted. A snow storm was blamed. However a despatch from Bucharest, before communications went down said there were rumours Russia had sent an ultimatum to Roumania regarding the Province of Moldavia. It was also reported that German troops had entered Bulgaria by way of Dobruja Province and that Russian troops had landed at Varna, Bulgaria.

**Roosevelt To Speak**  
This afternoon President Roosevelt will address the 77th Congress of the United States. His remarks, it was expected, will be largely confined to outlining a plan for increased aid to Great Britain. It was forecast in informed quarters that the President will introduce legislation to provide effective assistance to the British.

**British Industry Flourishes**  
On the economic front to-day it was reported that Britain's own war industries, despite Nazi bombing, are reaching new delivery peaks. The increased flow of manpower and materials from all British Commonwealth sources to the battlefronts has been abundantly proved in Egypt and Libya. Against all that, Germany claims greatly increased power of land, air and sea for a final smash at Britain. By every rule of reason, every day of delay due to weather or any other cause is dangerous. It sees the armament gap between Germany and Britain closed by that much. The rapid British march to arms equality may drive Hitler to the desperate risks of a mid-winter invasion attempt, some observers claim.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE CHILD DIES**  
The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital Saturday evening of Garyn David Millions, aged two years and two months, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Millions, of South Porcupine. The little child became ill about a week ago and finally succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. The parents and three other children survive. Funeral arrangements are not yet completed.

### Acute Shortage Existing For Bush Camp Workers

**More Than Three Hundred Men Required by Logging Camps Throughout This Area. Placements at Employment Office Show Heavy Increase. Find Difficulty Getting Girls For Domestic Work.**

At least three hundred men are required by the lumber camps in this district, it was reported this morning by Delbert J. Murphy, superintendent of the local Government Employment Office. While last year the demand for busmen was negligible, the supply this year is far from meeting requirements. Wages to bush workers range from \$42.50 to \$50.00 per month and board. Experienced men working on a piece-work basis can earn considerably more than this figure. Even in camps where the required number of men is available, the turnover of workers has been heavy. Men are moving from camp to camp and a certain number are securing employment in other industries. As an indication of the demand for busmen, figures at the employment office show that 219 men were placed in the logging industry in December of 1940 as compared with 13 in December, 1939.

While definite data is not available, unemployment in Timmins and the Porcupine Camp has been greatly reduced in the past twelve months. With most mines in the district increasing

### Find a Pearl and Get Popular

**Provincial Constable Stromberg Deluged With Calls After Story Published.**

Dale Carnegie made himself famous with his book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," but in the whole course of the publication no mention is made of obtaining popularity by finding a pearl in an oyster.

Since last Thursday when The Advance published a story regarding the finding of a pearl in an oyster by Provincial Constable R. O. Stromberg, the officer has been deluged with phone calls from dozens of persons in Timmins and vicinity. Almost everyone who inquired was anxious to learn where he had bought the oysters but in addition one woman even wanted to know what kind of sauce he favoured. At last reports the calls were still coming in.

### Children's New Year's Party Auspices of the Rebekah Lodge

**Delightful Programme and Very Enjoyable Evening.**

The Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge held a children's New Year's party on Thursday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, children of the members enjoying a very pleasant evening, and the adults taking part in the evening's entertainment.

Early in the evening, the children played games, following which a delicious supper of sandwiches, cakes, cookies, ice cream and jelly was served. An interesting programme included a tap dance and duet by Norma Bailey and Fay Bellamy; tap dance routines by Jack Thompson, songs by little four-year-old Marjorie Hocking, Winsome Hobbs, Helen Holland, Joan Webb, and little Frank Dean, who was a special feature with his rendition of "Santa Claus is Coming To Town" a recitation by Ruth Holland, and mouth organ selections by Sonny Matson.

Mrs. Keene and Mrs. Webb gave a pleasant sketch, Mrs. O'Connor recited a poem, and Mrs. Tom Scott acted as accompanist at the piano.

After an evening of fun the children were tired and contented, and before they left for home, each child received a bag of candy and apples, which put the final "touch" to the wonderful evening.

The members of the lodge conducted the usual lodge meeting, and will meet on Thursday evening of this week at the weekly session of lodge.

### HER MAJESTY CHATS WITH ANZ ACS—AND THINKS OF CANADA



In her unwearying round of visits to the troops in Britain, her majesty displays a special kindness for the men from the dominions overseas. Wherever she goes, pictures reveal that she wears the maple leaf emblem which has been a favourite ornament ever since she came to Canada with the King. She is shown here as she chatted with some of the stalwart fighters from New Zealand during a recent inspection tour.

### New Finnish Cabinet is Formed Now at Helsinki

Helsinki, Jan. 4 — Jukka Ragell, banker, succeeded today in forming a new Finnish government, ending a political deadlock that had persisted since Risto Ryti became acting president last September 19.

The cabinet remained coalition in character, with only two ministerial changes from that which had served under the late Kyosti Kallio. Ryti became president December 21, the day Kallio died.

### Timmins Soldier Has Lucky Escape When Bombs Drop

**Pte. Arthur Orr Blown Off Motorcycle in England—In Hospital Two Days.**

Fire Chief Alex Borland is in receipt of a letter from Pte. Arthur J. Orr, of No. 1 Tunneling Company, C.A.S.F., stationed in England, in which he recounts a varied round of experiences. Arthur Orr is a dispatch rider and he has been kept busy dodging bombs from German planes. On one occasion recently a bomb landed along the side of the road and blew him off the motorcycle he was riding. He awoke in a hospital, surrounded by a bevy of blonde nurses and he regretfully reports being discharged from the institution as O.K. two days later. On another occasion while on leave in London he was locked up in Scotland Yard for a whole day. He had lost his pass and was not released until authorities communicated with his unit to find if he was absent without leave.

Arthur also related in his letter that No. 1 Tunneling Company have a German plane to their credit, brought down in the fighting over England. Another item the Timmins soldier recounts was the shelling of a convoy in the English channel by German batteries on the occupied French side of the water. He was at Dover during this incident. He also relates briefly having met R. B. Bennett, former Canadian Prime Minister of Canada, now living in England.

Pte. Arthur Orr is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman W. Orr, Windsor avenue, who are among the popular pioneers of Timmins. Mr. Wyman Orr was for many years on the staff of the Northern Telephone Lines, later being on the Timmins police department, being deputy chief for some time, and now conducts a grocery and confectionery store on Windsor avenue.

### Eire Considers It Has the "Goods" on the Huns

Dublin, Jan. 4 — Tin-batted air raid wardens and demolition squads stood by on Dublin streets tonight after the Eire government had announced that more bombs as well as magnetic mines which had fallen on Eire or her neutral waters have been identified as German.

### Weather to Continue Clear, Cold

**Middle of Week May See Return of Snowflurries**

The next few days will see the weather continuing quite cold but mostly fair. By mid-week however snow may be expected. The above was the forecast this morning of Sydney Wheeler at the Hollinger observatory. At eight o'clock this morning the thermometer stood at four degrees below zero, the coldest weather of the new year. Maximum and minimum temperatures since January 1 are as follows: Thursday maximum 25, minimum 5; Friday, 25 and 13; Saturday, 21 and 5; Sunday, 12 and 4 below.

### Hollinger Pay-Day to be on Thursdays During Coming Year

**Announcement Made Changing Date from Alternate Tuesdays in Vogue Two Years.**

The management of the Hollinger Mine has announced that paydays during the coming year will be every second Thursday, instead of the Tuesdays as was the case during the past two years. Clerks in the various stores will now be obliged to work on Thursday nights rather than Tuesday. No explanation was made regarding a reason for the change.

### Schubert Choral Begins Meetings This Evening

Schubert Choral members are advised that meetings will begin Monday, Jan. 6th at 7.30 at the radio station. The Society extends a cordial invitation to all who are interested in choir work to come along, especially to tenor and bass singers. For further particulars phone Frank Boisvert at 725 or Geo. E. Hale at 1112.

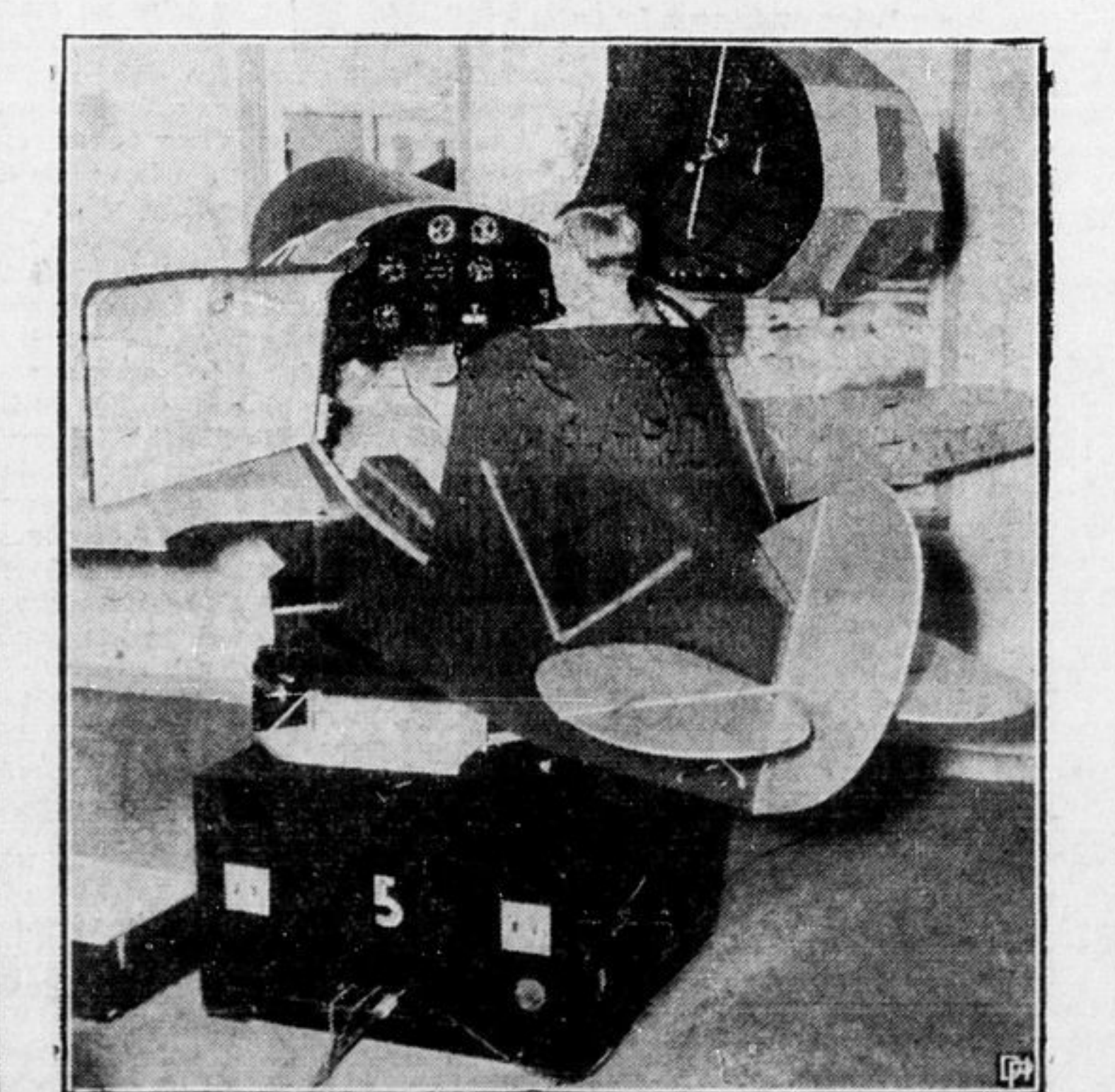
### Officers Installed Women's Association of United Church

Mrs. Geo. Drew was installed as president of the Women's Association of the Timmins United Church at the regular monthly meeting held in the church basement on Thursday afternoon. Installation of the other officers also took place during the afternoon as follows:

1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. Haystead  
2nd Vice-President, Mrs. M. Mason.  
Secretary, Mrs. W. P. Bennett  
Treasurer, Mrs. McHugh.

The Rev. W. M. Mustard acted as installing officer during the very impressive ceremony. Early in the afternoon, routine business was discussed and following the installation the new president took the chair and in a few well chosen remarks set the standard that would be aimed at for the New Year. An open discussion was led by Mr. Mustard and enjoyed by all the members. The meeting closed with "God Save the King", following which tea was served. The hostesses were Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Wilson.

### "GROUND FLYING"



A student sits at the controls of a Link trainer at one of the schools set up in Canada under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. This ingenious device teaches the rudiments of "blind" flying without the necessity of leaving the ground.

### Important Italian City Falls Under Onslaught Led by "Aussie" Troops

**30,000 Prisoners Taken, Along With Garrison Commander and Five Generals. Huge Quantities of Stores Provide Booty For British. Tobruk Will Now Receive Frontal Attack. Greek Successes Continue.**

### Distribute "Witness" Pamphlets

**More Literature Left on Doorsteps on Saturday Night, Police Claim.**

Timmins police report that more pamphlets, apparently emanating from the illegal organization, known as the Witnesses of Jehovah, were distributed in Timmins during the past week-end. One of the pamphlets was found on the doorstep of one of the constables of the Timmins Police Department. Additional pamphlets were also distributed on the night of December 31 it is disclosed.

### Former Soldier is Arrested Here on Serious Charges

**Erstwhile O.C. of "D" Company Algonquin Regt., N.P.A.M. Faces Five Counts.**

Arrested here on Monday morning following a month-long investigation, George Gingell, formerly officer commanding "D" Company of the Algonquin Regiment, Second Battalion, N.P.A.M., will face four charges of theft by conversion and one of forgery when he appears before Magistrate Atkinson on Tuesday. The charge was laid by Chief Constable L. H. Gagnon and the amount involved is \$472.89. The charges arise out of shortages in National Defence Department funds, which are said to have been forwarded to Gingell for the payment of regimental accounts. It was disclosed that Gingell, who had been appointed a second Lieutenant, was relieved of his commission on December 23. When arrested he was wearing civilian dress. Bail in the case was set at \$1,000 cash or \$2,000 property.

### Series of Thefts Believed Solved Arrest Two Youths

A series of thefts that took place during the holidays is believed solved with the arrest of sixteen-year-old Real Lauzon and Clement Daigle, aged 18.

The two youths are charged with breaking, entering and theft from a store at 42 Montgomery avenue, operated by John Penorski. The offence is said to have taken place on Thursday night last and the loot consisted of 114 packages of cigarettes, all of which were recovered. The arrests were effected through the shrewd observation and investigation of Constable Pete Amlin, whose report on the matter gave the original lead in the case. The actual arrests were made by Constable E. Gagnon, of the investigation department.

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Climaxing a 36-hour offensive, with the Australian Expeditionary Force forming the spearhead of the attack, the important Italian city of Bardia, in Libya, fell into British hands on Sunday. More than thirty thousand Italian prisoners, including the garrison commander and five senior generals were captured. In addition huge supplies of stores of every description were taken over by the Allied forces when the town was occupied.

Meanwhile there was no slackening of the rapid British push to the west. Advance units of the Allied command are reported to be approaching the important naval base of Tobruk, seventy miles away. British general headquarters in Cairo announced to-day that British mechanized patrols have established a "close blockade" of Italian forces at Tobruk, Marshal Graziani's next Libyan defence line west of Bardia. R.A.F. bombers made concentrated attacks on Tobruk during Saturday night and Sunday and started one fire visible from Bardia. British advance patrols were said to be operating south of Tobruk to guard against any Italian attempt to counter attack against the British wedge in Eastern Libya.

**Greeks Go Forward**  
Winter has closed down on the North Greek-Italian flank but to the south, the Greeks are still inching forward. Fall of the Italian-held Albanian cities of Tepelini, Klisura and Valona may come soon despite weather conditions or belated Nazi air intervention.

To-day one of the fiercest Italian tank attacks of the war was broken up by the Greeks. Preliminary reports said that the Adriatic beach, south of Valona, was strewn with Italian dead and wounded.

### Week-end Traffic Accidents Light Police Here Report

**Little Girl Knocked Down by Car But Unhurt—Minor Crash on Schumacher Road.**

Following a minor accident at Park Road and Schumacher Highway on Saturday afternoon, Eugene Lamoureux, 53 Commercial avenue, as charged with careless driving. He is alleged to have made a "U" turn on the intersection, striking a car driven by Mrs. A. Lapierre, 68 Kent avenue. There was little damage to either machine.

Following a fight on Cedar street Saturday night, James McEachern, 105 1/2 Birch street south, and John J. McClelland, residing at the corner of Birch street and Fifth avenue, were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

Saturday afternoon at 12.30 Evelyn Claremont, 10, residing at 57 Windsor avenue, was knocked down at the corner of Cedar street and Third avenue, when after alighting from a bus she ran into the path of a car driven by Dan McMahon. The little girl was taken to St. Mary's hospital for examination but beyond fright and shock, she was found to be unhurt. No blame was attached to the driver of the car.

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