

11 SHIPS, ONE A MINESWEEPER ADDED TO TOLL IN WEEK-END

Four Are Vessels Long Overdue, Finally Given Up

MINE GETS SWEEPER

London, Dec. 11—(CP and AP)—The loss of 11 ships, one of them a small fishing boat requisitioned by the British navy, was announced over the week-end and today.

The British steamer Willowpool, 4,815 tons, struck a mine and sank in the North sea, it was announced today.

The crew of 20, a few men slightly injured, were rescued by a fishboat and landed at an east coast port.

Two officers and eight members of the crew of the destroyer Jersey, torpedoed by a German submarine last Thursday, still are missing and apparently are dead, the admiralty announced.

Two officers and 10 sailors were wounded by the explosion, which damaged the 1,600-ton craft.

The officers missing and believed killed are Turpedo Gunner G. L. Lucas and Engineer-Lieut. J. Morris.

The men missing and believed killed are M. Asher, Able Seaman G. Crowder, Leading Stoker W. Denton, Stoker J. Froth-Dalton, Stoker R. Bawland, Stoker R. White, and Leading Seaman T. Whitfield.

The Japanese liner Sanyo Maru was expected to leave Rotterdam, Holland, tomorrow with a cargo containing German armaments for the Japanese government.

It was believed here that the liner would call at the British east coast port for examination, but that Japan would demand that its cargo go through intact.

The four missing ships are the Ashlea, 4,222 tons; Newton Beech, 4,551 tons; Trevonion, 5,209 tons; and Huntsman, 5,197 tons.

The Ashlea, with a crew of 35, left Cape Town Sept. 28. The Trevonion, with a crew of 33, left Cape Town Oct. 17. The Newton Beech was reported overdue since mid-November.

The fifth minesweeper lost The Ray of Hope was the fifth British minesweeper lost in the war.

The four previously sunk, with a loss of 50 lives, were the Northern Rover, Masiff, Argentine and Washington.

The 1,122-ton Belgian steamer, Kabinda, broke up on a reef off the southeast British coast yesterday.

The small Dutch steamer Immerman struck a mine and was driven ashore at Kallandsborg, Holland. The crew of seven was saved.

An unidentified British tanker was reported by Mackay Radio at New York to have been broken in two by a torpedo off the southwest coast of the United States.

Alexander was reported standing by and calling for help.

The 736-ton steamer Firrking was abandoned by its crew of 10 in the Irish Sea after a collision with the passenger steamer Duke of Lancaster, 3,814 tons, which was badly damaged.

Find Boats, But Only Cat The Argentine fishing boat Nancoso arrived at Buenos Aires yesterday with three lifeboats from the German steamer Ussukuma.

At Willemstad, Dutch West Indies, it was announced that the German tanker Nordmeer had disappeared Saturday night from Curacao bay.

A conspiracy to destroy the German liner Sierra Cordova with incendiary bombs was disclosed when the vessel, loaded with 1,260 German emigrants, unexpectedly returned to Riga, Latvia.

Rocco 'Dick' Turano Dies Rocco 'Dick' Turano, 42, son of the late Carmine Turano and Pasqualina Turano, died Saturday.

INVENTORS BUSY HERE ON WARTIME IDEAS

Hundreds of patent applications, many relating to war weapons, are being received by Toronto patent attorneys.

Where patents have been taken over by the government and inventions put to a practical wartime use, royalties will be paid the inventor from the first day of manufacture, but no patent can be issued until the war ends.

"I assure you, you can't organize even a pretence of Christmas on relief. Therefore, the Star Santa Claus boxes are the only salvation.

"If you can possibly arrange for boxes for these three children, then the rest of us will do what we can to make it feel like Christmas in this poor muddled home across the street.

"We have been on relief and off relief for the past seven years and we know how to manage. Most of our neighbors are in the same fix.

"About 20,000 children are on the list prepared by Toronto's social and mission workers who at this hour, hundreds of them, are tramping the streets of their various small districts, checking, enumerating, cross-checking. The hour is late. Over \$38,000 must be raised in less than 12 days.

"We will do all we can."

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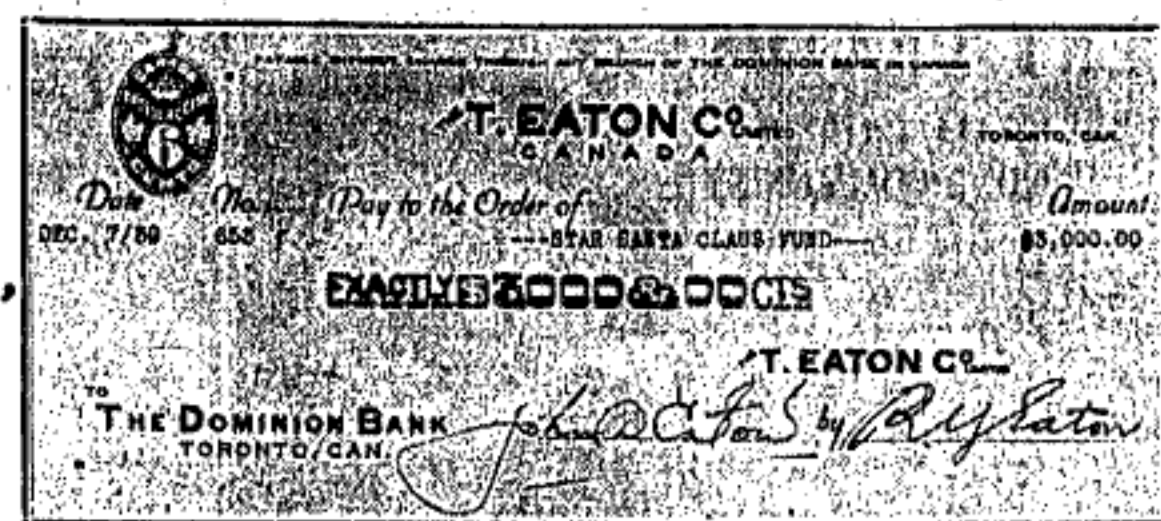
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EATON'S MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION—\$3,000—TO THE SANTA CLAUS FUND

T. EATON CO. CANADA EXECUTIVE OFFICES

TORONTO 2, December 8th, 1939.



The Santa Claus Fund, Toronto Daily Star, 80 King St., West, Toronto, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

We note that you are again appealing for funds in aid of that most deserving of charitable efforts -- the Star Santa Claus Fund.

In extending to you our warmest hopes for the success of this year's appeal, and by way of giving practical expression to our good wishes, we have pleasure in sending you our cheque for \$3,000.00 as our contribution to the Fund for 1939.

Yours very truly,

R. Y. Eaton

President. "FOR THAT MOST DESERVING OF CHARITABLE EFFORTS"

Happiness for a goodly number of Toronto's underprivileged children is assured by this letter and the accompanying cheque for \$3,000 from the T. Eaton Co. Each year this firm has contributed a substantial sum to the fund to ensure many youngsters the gifts that all expect at Christmas time.

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FRANCE OFFERS BIG MARKET FOR CANADA'S FOODS, WOOD

Can Lay Foundation for Great Peace Business, Says Paris Banker

Canada can sell hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of woods to France now and lay the basis for tremendous industrial progress in peace time.

So declared Richard J. Haemmerli, joint manager of the Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie, Boulevard des Capucines, Paris, in Toronto today on "an extremely important economic mission."

Mr. Haemmerli has letters of introduction to the biggest business and banking interests of the dominion, and states that his purpose is to study how the dominion can best fit into the international picture as it is now adjusted.

"We require canned meats, canned fruit and many other things for the army," he told The Star. "We are also greatly in need of wood pulp and cellulose."

Inter-cable Canadian wood pulp interests six weeks ago and learned they were sold until February, but we have hopes of being able to make contracts with you then.

"We used to get our wood pulp from Scandinavian countries and Russia, and we got our cellulose from Scandinavia. Our supplies now, however, are cut off."

"It is a serious problem and requires the most minute study. We feel in France that Canada's resources will be needed by Great Britain. Britain will probably take 90 per cent. of what you can produce, but if you can produce more we would like to know about it."

Mr. Haemmerli, who spent a fortnight in New York, stated that the French purchasing commission would make provisions to buy supplies in Canada within the near future.

"The economic and financial centre of the world is moving towards this hemisphere," he said, "and Canada is bound to benefit. Your population is small compared with some other countries, but you are certain to become a great new industrial country."

In the bank of which Mr. Haemmerli is joint manager there are 8,000 employees and 800 offices.

Expect 18 Months' War Speaking of the war, the Paris banker expressed the opinion it would last about a year and a half.

"We have been studying German conditions for a year and a half," he said, "and we know it would come. We realized Hitler would be unable to stay backward when the democracies would no longer put up with his aggressions."

"Economic conditions will force Germany to her knees. For example, there is not one country able to produce enough petrol to keep mechanized armies running for any great length of time. Germany has not a large supply and she has only two factories making the synthetic product. It would be impractical for us to try to crush through the Siegfried line, when she cannot economically survive two years."

YOUTH MEETS DEATH 'SENSED' BY MOTHER

Had Premonition Month Before Fatal Accident

Sturgeon Falls, Dec. 11—(CP)—A month ago Joseph (Frank) Lutz, 29, of Sudbury, telephoned the home of his parents in Sturgeon Falls, Ont., and his father told him to come home because his mother feared he would meet with an accident.

Today police were seeking to recover the body of Lutz from the Abitibi power canal, into which his automobile fell Saturday night. A companion, Arnold Dearing of Minnow Lake, got out of the car after it struck bottom and made his way to a bridge.

COOL WAVE HERE UNLIKELY TO LAST

On the wings of a nippy nor-wester early today came a flood of Arctic air that gave Toronto and the lower lake region its chilliest moment of the young winter.

The temperature tumbled to 19.5 at 9 a.m. and then began to rise slowly—to rise again, December up to date is about 10 degrees above average in temperature.

The forecaster predicted that it would be fairly cool tonight and part of Tuesday, and then there would be an upward turn. There is no indication of snow in this lower lake region, though there was a light fall in the northern part of the province.

White River at two below zero was about the coldest spot on the weather map.

T. EATON CO. DONATES \$3,000 TO STAR FUND

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What an army of poor children this sum has made glad on Christmas Day there is no way to estimate, because across the years the cost and value of the contents of the Star Santa Claus boxes has gradually increased. But it is a host. And it may be said, also, that when Santa Claus and his great parade goes marching through the streets of Toronto, giving Toronto's childhood one of its finest annual treats, the generosity of that whiskered old gentleman aloft through the city's crowded streets is something more than mere generosity. This \$3,000 today says so. This \$100,314.00 across the years says so too.

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BRISK BUSINESS SEEN COMING FOR TORONTO

(Continued from Page One) Long marked improvement, and in the early part of 1940 brisk business will be the keynote.

Three staff men from the Babson headquarters are scheduled to arrive in Toronto this week to investigate business conditions and report on the probable effect of war on Canadian business.

Exports to U.S. Up \$20,000,000 Ottawa, Dec. 11—(CP)—Statistics looked back through records today and found that only once since 1926 have Canada's monthly exports to the United States exceeded the volume exported in October. Likewise, imports from that country were exceeded only twice.

Exports to the United States were \$48,000,000, exclusive of gold, compared with \$27,994,000 in October, 1938, and \$49,005,000 in October, 1929. Imports rose to \$69,444,240 from \$38,488,813 in the same month last year, while in October, 1929, they were \$77,000,000.

Of Canada's total imports of \$79,053,260 in October from all countries, the United States supplied almost three-quarters.

Contributing to the large increase in imports from the United States in October was the gain in iron and its products, which advanced to \$21,575,000 from \$12,570,000 in October, 1938.

REMAND 5 YOUTHS TO AWAIT LINE-UPS

Find Toy Gun, Mask on One After Quarter-Mile Chase

Five youths were remanded in police court today to await police line-ups in connection with robberies in suburbs. A loaded revolver, a toy gun and two masks were found, police said.

The round-up was made Saturday night in restaurants in the Lansdowne-Bloor St. W. district. A squad of officers was hidden in a parking lot near an allegedly stolen car when a youth entered the lot. He saw the police and ran. A furious chase followed with the police car being forced to swing in and out of traffic and pass a street car on the wrong side.

Police kept up the chase for about a quarter of a mile and finally saw him come from between two houses on Lansdowne Ave. He surrendered and gave his name as John Allison, Perth Ave. Police charge he had a toy gun and mask in his pocket. In the car, officers reported finding a loaded .32 calibre revolver. Car was allegedly stolen Dec. 6, in Etobicoke township. Allison was charged with theft of it and with theft of license markers.

Four youths, arrested after police went to an restaurant, are charged with vagrancy. One of them, police charged, they found another mask.

Detective John Nimmo of headquarters is continuing investigations. He along with Det.-Sergs. Maxwell Richardson and Norman Tinsley, Detective George Holmes and Motor-Cycle Officer Ernest Goble arrested the youths.

NAB INDIAN WITH BOTTLE Brantford, Dec. 11—Chased by police Saturday night, James Green, 20-year-old Indian of the Six Nations Reserve, tripped and fell while carrying two bottles. One bottle smashed as Green fell, cutting his face. A doctor treated the gash. Police said the unbroken bottle contained wine. Green was charged with having liquor in an unauthorized place.

12 Homing Pigeons Hike for Loft As Police Halt Car In Chinatown

Constables William Martin and Alex McDonald wondered "what it was all about" in Chinatown Saturday night when they stopped a car to question the driver after a several-blocks chase. On Elizabeth St., when the constables forced the auto to the sidewalk, they arrested the driver. Twelve homing pigeons flew out of the car in a flock, zoomed into the night, circled and disappeared.

Left in the car were Clifford Snell, 18, of Parliament St., Frederick Roberts, 18, of Backville St., and one pigeon in a crate, police reported.

Snell and Roberts were charged with theft of the automobile of Cecil Gahan, Danforth Ave., and theft of 13 homing pigeons from the loft of Wilfred McMahon, Carlaw Ave.

Taking up the investigation, Detective William Koopman early Sunday morning arrested Norman Robertson, 18, Glenlake Ave.; Henry Dicks, 19, Parliament St.; and Gordon Sullivan, 17, Winchester St. They were also charged with car theft and stealing pigeons.

While 12 pigeons escaped from the car, only three had returned to their loft today on Carlaw Ave, a distance of about two miles. McMahon told police. The 13 pigeons were worth \$40, he added.

The car was reported stolen Saturday night by police of Pine Ave. station. A radio call was sent out to pick up the car "for questioning." Constables McDonald and Martin of Court St. station sighted the wanted car with five youths in it on Bay St. south of Queen St. They chased it north to Albert and Elizabeth Sts., where they stopped it.

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