

BRITISH SOLDIERS GET FIRST TASTE OF WAR AT FRONT

Mine Sweeper and Five Merchants Fall Prey to Mines And German Submarines.

London, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Great Britain today counted the loss of a mine sweeper and five merchant ships while British troops for the first time in the 100-day old war were reported in action on the western front.

The total shipping losses were more than 27,193 tons. The minesweeper Ray of Hope struck a mine and sank, officials said. She was the fifth minesweeper lost since the war started. Four of the Ray of Hope's crew were killed, five were missing and three were rescued.

Steamer Sinks

The 4,315-ton British steamer Willowpool also sank after hitting a mine. Her crew of 36 was saved.

Four other merchant ships, an official announcement said, were long overdue and must be considered lost. They were the Ashlea, 4,222 tons; Newton Beech, 4,651 tons; Trevanion, 5,299 tons, and Huntsman, 8,196 tons.

Movement of the Tommies into action with the enemy occurred shortly before King George VI visited observation posts and inspected great Maginot line fortresses. The monarch returned from the front last night.

The Daily Herald commented: "The British infantry is now actively engaged with the Germans, and the British expeditionary force feels that the war has begun at last."

Two Neutral Ships Lost

The troop action diverted attention momentarily from the intense sea warfare, which sent two neutral ships to the bottom yesterday. The 398-ton Netherlands motorship Immingham was struck by a mine off the northern Holland coast, with the crew reported rescued; the 1,928-ton Swedish steamer Vinga sank after an explosion, and the crew was saved.

The 5,182-ton Belgian freighter Kabinda broke in half after going aground on Goodwin Sands, and the 758-ton British steamer Fire King was reported damaged in a collision with a British freighter in the Irish sea.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLES APPEAR FOR YULE GIVING

Symbol of goodwill, Salvation Army kettles made their annual appearance on Medford street corners today.

As usual, funds raised through kettle contributions will be used by the Salvation Army to provide Christmas happiness to needy families who otherwise would have a bleak and dreary Yuletide. The Salvation Army has used this method of raising Christmas funds for nearly half a century and the public was asked again today by Capt. Reginald H. Vincent, head of the organization here, "to keep the pot boiling."

The Christmas season is always a very busy one for the Salvationists. Investigation of families and the checking with other organizations to avoid duplication require considerable time, not to mention the packing and distribution of the baskets, many of which are delivered in the country areas.

"Extent of the Christmas activities is determined entirely by the response of local citizens to this appeal and it is hoped that all will cooperate to their fullest extent in order that no one will be forgotten," Captain Vincent said.

"In addition to the distribution of food-stuffs, it is planned to include in every basket nightgowns for every child. To make this possible, during the past two weeks several women's organizations have devoted much of their time to this work.

"The Salvation Army will be very happy to receive names of those who are needy and will make every effort to fulfill the needs wherever possible."

Captain Vincent may be reached by telephoning 358.

The natives of Java are divided into three groups; Javanese, Soudanese and Madurese. All are of Malay stock.

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COMMONWEALTH RAPS SOVIET FOR ATTACKING FINNS

Oregon Liberals Also Condemn Vigilante Action—Aberdeen, Wash., Rioting.

Portland, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's aggression against Finland was condemned by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation yesterday by a vote of 85 to 56, amid cries of "red baiting."

Some delegates to the annual convention said they believed Americans were not well enough informed on the situation to take a stand. Irvin Goodman, attorney, declared "imperialist powers for 20 years have been preparing Finland as a base for making war against Russia."

The convention condemned vigilante action in general and mob action in Aberdeen particularly (referring to damage wrought on a meeting place frequented by communist sympathizers), endorsed the national legislative program of the Farmers' Union; condemned Dies committee activities; favored \$10 per day for Oregon legislators and a 50-day session limit.

Join Non-Partisans

The federation voted Saturday to affiliate with labor's Non-Partisan league.

S. Stephenson Smith, Eugene, and Monroe Sweetland, Portland, were re-elected president and executive-secretary, respectively, of the federation.

Roy R. Hewitt of Salem declined a presidential nomination.

Ralph Peoples, Portland, state CIO council secretary, was elected first vice-president; Wendell Barnett, Brooks, delegate from the Farmers' Union, second vice-president; Roy R. Hewitt, Salem AFL central labor council, attorney and former dean of the Willamette university law school, third vice-president; Gus J. Solomon, Portland, treasurer.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

KLAMATH REGION RAKED BY GALE; DIKE GIVES WAY

Shacks Unroofed, Autos Blown Off Road at Tulelake; 50 Mile Wind at K.F.

Klamath Falls, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Wind that reached an estimated velocity of 65 miles an hour damaged houses, communication lines and dikes in the southern end of the Klamath basin over the weekend, according to word reaching here today from various northern California points.

The gale at Tulelake, Calif., unroofed three shacks. A community Christmas tree on the main street of the town was bent double.

The wind also damaged several buildings at Camp Lava Beds, nearby. No one was injured either at Tulelake or the camp.

Dike Breaks

The gale piled water up against the Kandra Dike on the Tule Lake sump, causing it to break with water spreading over leased government land. Damage was minor.

Gus Kehrer of the California highway patrol at Tulelake estimated the wind velocity at 65 miles per hour. He said several cars were blown from highways Sunday morning but no one was injured.

The wind reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour here at 2 a. m. Sunday, but did no damage in the Klamath Falls vicinity.

By the Associated Press

Winds of gale force, reaching a velocity of from 45 to 65 miles an hour, hit the Oregon, Washington and British Columbia coast yesterday.

The wind, reaching a velocity of 50 miles an hour in Port Angeles, interrupted power service and blew plate glass shop windows into the street.

Grants Pass, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Grants Pass dried out today after a double helping of rain and snow.

Precipitation for the last 100 hours here was measured this morning at 7.37 inches of which more than three inches fell in a single day. Roads in rural districts were badly rutted and washed out.

Snow fell four hours yesterday and despite the puddles of water managed to spread an inch thick on the lowlands.

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—A rainfall deficiency of almost six inches for Roseburg and vicinity since Sept. 1 has been reduced to 1.72 inches by a heavy three-day downpour, the local station of the U. S. weather bureau announced today.

C-C TO SPONSOR LIGHTING CONTEST

It was announced today that the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the Medford Garden club will again sponsor the annual Christmas lighting contest.

Two prizes will be given to winners in each of the following classifications: First, decoration of growing trees outside of houses; second, decoration of entrances using the theme "Welcome"; third, decoration of windows both inside and out of house; fourth, decoration of house fronts.

Persons planning to enter the contest are to register at the Chamber of Commerce. Prizes will include electrical appliances.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP-USA, D.A.)—Hogs: 2900; market active, strong to mostly 15c higher; good choice 185-215 lb. drive-lots 80.25 @.35; odd lots 86.40; carloads mostly 86.40; 230-270 lb. butchers 85.75 @.90; light lights mostly 85.75 @.85; packing sows 84.25 @.75; lightweights to 85; few good-choice feeder pigs 85.25.

Cattle: 1950; calves 150; market active; steers mostly 25c higher; other classes steady-strong except fed heifers slow-weak; medium-good fed steers mostly 87.75 @.85; one load 904 lb. steers 88.55; common steers down to 80; few stockers 86.50 @.725; few loads fed heifers 87.50 @.8; common-medium heifers 85.25 @.725; cutter-common cows

85.50 @.425; canners down to 82.75; fat dairy type cows 85.25; good beef cows 85.75 @.85; sausage bulls 85 @.6; beef bulls 86.25 @.50; choice vealers steady 89 @.50; heavy calves 88.50 down; culls down to 84.

Sheep: 2500; fat lambs very slow; many bids 25c lower; fed good-choice trucked-in lambs 87.75; medium-good grades 87.25 @.50; part load fed lambs 86; load lighter lambs held higher; few shorn and medium pelts lambs 87 @.15; odd yearlings 85 @.50; ewes slow, good-choice 83.50 @.425; culls down to 81.50.

South San Francisco

South San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(AP-USA)—Hogs: 300; butchers unevenly 15 @.50c lower compared Friday's low close, top 86.50; bulk good to choice 175-215 lb. California 86.25, over and under weights discounted 50c at 83.75; packing sows 25c lower at 84.50 @.85.

Cattle: 13.50, calves 50; 3 loads good 1055-1075 lb. Oregon fed steers 89; car good 1136 lb. weights 86.75; good light fed steers held above 89.25; cutter grade range cows sold early at 84.35, good cows absent, young cows quoted to around 86.50; bulls scarce, 86.50 down. Calves: few medium vealers 88 @.9; choice quoted to 81.50; part load common 372 lb. calves 85.25.

Sheep: 600; lambs strong to 25c higher compared last week's low close; part deck mixed grade medium to choice 89 lb. Oregon 86.75; early shorn, fat ewes quoted up to around 83.75.

Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 11.—(AP-USA)—Hogs: 22,000; generally 15 @.25c lower than Friday's average; top 85.50, down to 81.50; part load common 372 lb. calves 85.25.

Cattle: 15,000; calves 1,500; fed steers and yearlings unevenly steady to 25c lower; few loads choice medium weight and weighty steers 81 @.40; sprinkling light yearlings up to 81.75 with 81 bid; heifers, best 81.10; several loads 88.75 @.10; practical top sausage bulls 87.25; vealers slow; steady to 88 and better, with several loads western yearlings above 89.00.

Sheep: 9,000; good to choice woolens around 86.75 @.9; scattered native ewes around 83.75 @.425.

Portland Produce

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Butter: prints, 2 grade, 32 1/2c lb. in parchment wrappers, 33 1/2c lb. in cartons; B grade, 31 1/2c lb. in parchment wrappers, 32 1/2c lb. in cartons.

Butterfat: First quality, maximum of 8 of 1 percent acidity, delivered Portland, 29 1/2 @.30c lb.; valley routes and country points 2c less, or 28c lb. premium quality, maximum of 23 of 1 percent acidity, 1c more than first quality, second quality, 2c less than first quality.

Eggs: Buying prices, extra large 18c; standards 13c; medium extras 15c; extra small 12c; standards 11c.

Wall St. Report

New York, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Downward tendencies generally prevailed in today's stock market.

Leaders dipped fractions to around 2 points at the worst. Extreme declines, however, were subsequently reduced and, here and there, a modest plus sign was in evidence at the close.

It was a dragging session after the first hour or so and, in the final laps, the ticker tape frequently came to a full stop. Transfers approximated 500,000 shares.

Al. Chem. & Dye	172
Am. Can	111
Am. & Fgn. Pow	2
A. T. & T.	169 1/2
Anacosta	30 1/2
Atch. T. & S. F.	24
Bendix Avia.	29 1/2
Beth. Steel	81
Caterpillar Tract.	54 1/2
Chrysler	86 1/2
Com. Solv.	13 1/2
Curtiss-Wright	10
DuPont	179
Gen. Elec.	38 1/2
Gen. Foods	46 1/2
Gen. Mot.	53 1/2
Int. Harvest	59 1/2
I. T. & T.	4
Johns-Man.	76 1/2
Monty Ward	54 1/2
North Amer.	21 1/2
Penney (J. C.)	91 1/2
Phillips Pet.	40
Radio	5 1/2
Sou. Pac.	14 1/2
Sud. Brands	35 1/2
St. Oil Cal.	24 1/2
St. Oil N. J.	43 1/2
Trans. Amer.	8 1/2
Union Carb.	86 1/2

Portland Wheat

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Grain: Open High Low Close
Wheat (wheat) 82 1/2 83 82 1/2 83
May 82 82 1/2 82 82 1/2
Dec. 82 82 1/2 82 82 1/2

Cash grain: Oats, No. 2, 38 lb. white 25.75; barley, No. 2, 48 lb. bearded white 25.50.

Corn: No. 2 eastern yellow shipments 26.50.
Flax, No. 1, 11.91.
Cash wheat (bid): Soft white 81c, western white 81c, western red 80 1/2c.

Hard red winter, ordinary 80 1/2c, 11 percent 80 1/2c, 12 percent 84c, 13 percent 87c, 14 percent 94c.
Hard white, Best, ordinary 85c, 12 percent 87 1/2c, 13 percent 90c, 14 percent 93c.
Today's car receipts: wheat 65, barley 4, flour 24, corn 2, oats 1, hay 1, millfeed 7.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
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May 95 96 1/2 94 1/2 94 1/2
July 93 1/2 94 1/2 92 92 1/2

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Monty Ward	54 1/2
North Amer.	21 1/2
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