

Big Ship Torpedoed Off No

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Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today: 45.
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Temperature trend: milder.
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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Vancouver Boy Saved; 90 Drown

Today In Britain

War events analyzed by Fleet Street writers, cabled from the London Bureau of The Vancouver Sun (Copyright, 1942)

LONDON, Jan. 13.—British troops stationed in Egypt are suffering from artificial shortages and the rising prices of bread, sugar and other articles of every-day consumption.

The shortages are artificial because Egypt is one of the richest agricultural countries and could produce enough foodstuffs to care for its own population and have a surplus to sell to the British Army. But the steadfast refusal of the landowners to reduce their cotton acreage and plant cereals, combined with extensive hoarding on the part of speculators, has produced a serious food crisis.

As it is, the army brings most of its food from overseas. Valuable shipping space goes into carrying canned meat, vegetables, fruit and biscuits, tea and sugar. When the army wants to buy fresh bread, meat or vegetables, it must go to market and make purchases from local dealers at prevailing prices. These prices are constantly rising.

Meatless Days

White bread is unobtainable in Cairo today. There are three meatless days. On some days, grocers can not or will not sell sugar. Exorbitant prices are charged for matches, since they have been cornered by speculators.

Meanwhile, thousands of bales of cotton lie unused in the desert, or at best are piled up to serve as air-raid shelters. There no longer is any export market for cotton, but the landowners

23 Whites and 66 Chinese Survivors

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 13.—Ninety persons lost their lives in the chill Atlantic during the past 36 hours after an enemy submarine torpedoed a large steamship in an incident that brought the war closer to the east coast of North America than at any time since hostilities began.

(Among the survivors is David Hughes, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Llewelyn J. Hughes, 1477 Inglewood Avenue, West Vancouver. See page 20 for a picture of David and his own story of his experiences in the torpedoing.)

More than 80 survivors brought in here early this morning by another vessel reported the U-boat sank their ship without warning 160 miles off the Nova Scotian coast.

Exhausted and frost-bitten from a 20-hour spell in lifeboats with the temperature near the zero mark, most of the survivors flopped into beds in hostels, hotels, and hospitals immediately after their arrival without giving an account of their experiences.

CAPTAIN ILL

A doctor attending the ship's captain said 181 seamen and passengers were aboard the vessel when she was torpedoed but that the number rescued was unknown and a check was still being made.

The captain, an Englishman, is suffering from severe nervous shock, the doctors said, and is unable to see anyone.

Other members of the ship's crew said earlier that four "white" seamen—three Britons and a Czechoslovakian—and "about 90" Chinese lost their lives. Of those rescued 23 were "white" and the remainder Chinese.

An accurate check on the casu-

Ottawa Bans Jap Fishing

No More Licenses, Unable to Act As Ship Crew

OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Persons of Japanese origin are prohibited from fishing in Canadian waters or serving on Canadian fishing boats under an order-in-council made public today by Hon. J. E. Michaud, fisheries minister. The order was passed late Monday.

An inter-departmental committee on Oriental problems held a meeting today, presided over by Hon. Ian Mackenzie, pensions minister.

It is understood the question of taking care of Orientals whose means of livelihood is taken away by the new prohibitions was discussed but official information was withheld pending issuance of a formal government statement on the new order.

The order also forbids the issue of fishing licenses to persons of Japanese origin.

It amends the fisheries regulations and states this action is taken "for reasons of national defense and security." Further details of the government's policy for dealing with Japanese in Canada are expected shortly.

These measures follow closely upon a conference on the Oriental problem held here last week with the standing committee on Orientals in British Columbia and high officers of the navy, army, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, External Affairs and Fisheries departments.

Some 25,000 Japanese reside in Canada and all but a few are in British Columbia. Many of them were previously supported by the fishing industry.

New Libyan Trap

British Retake Sollum; 8000 Nazis Isolated

CAIRO, Jan. 13.—The capture

Here Come More Au



Australia's vital interest in the fate of Singapore is indicated by the ever-increasing number of the Commonwealth's troops that are taking part in the defense of Malaya. These pictures just received show the high spirits of the "digger" task. On t salute from "Digger" S disembarks.

Hitler Flees Smol As Red Army Ro

Russians Reported Re-Occupying Or 200 Miles South of Moscow

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LONDON, Jan. 13.—Adolf Hitler has fled from his headquarters at Smolensk, 230 miles west-southwest of Moscow, before the relentless counter-drive of Russia's Red Army. Swiss reports from Berlin said today.

Concurrently Russian sources reported that the important city of Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow, had been taken by the Red Army.

Navy Smashes 3 Axis Ships

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Admiralty announced tonight that a 5222-ton Italian supply ship had been torpedoed, another Axis supply ship of medium size set afire by gunfire, and an Italian minesweeper sunk by British submarines in the Mediterranean.

Russian forces are known to have been within 110 miles of Smolensk, on the tragic route upon which Napoleon's grand army died after capturing the city.

It was plain that the headquarters which Hitler established there just before Christmas, when he assumed the supreme command of the army in pursuit of an "imperial destiny" are now threatened.