

MAXIMS  
OF A  
MERE MAN

Even while we moan, he smiles his  
last, and leaves our sphere behind;  
the good Old Year is with the past,  
O, be the New more kind!

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A song for the Old while its knell  
is tolled, and its parting moments  
fly, but a song and a cheer for the  
glad New Year while we watch the  
Old Year die.

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# JAPANESE ATTACK IN FORCE ON LUZON ISLAND

## Suspect Jap Warships In Alaskan Waters U.S. Commander Reports Lines Are Pushed Back

### Allied Task To Bring War Home To Guilty Powers

Churchill sees three phases to conflict; Tells cheering gathering tide has turned.

(By C. R. Blackburn, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(CP)—The allied task in the third annual phase of the present world conflict will be to bring the horrors of war to "the citadels and homelands of the guilty powers both in Europe and in Asia," Prime Minister Winston Churchill said in a speech here today.

The British leader, addressing members of the Senate and House of Commons in the Commons Chamber, and a world-wide radio audience, said the democratic powers will never compromise or quit short of complete victory.

The first phase of the conflict which the democratic nations now were entering, was preparation for the offensive, and the second the liberation of conquered territories.

Amid the frequent cheering of members and close to 2,000 invited guests, Mr. Churchill declared the tide had turned against the Hun.

Mr. Churchill called Canada's war effort "magnificent" and expressed confidence it would be greater "as the need arises and the opportunity serves."

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### Uncomfortably Close to U. S. Naval Air Station

### Presumed Enemy Warships Are Submarines.

By Richard L. Turner  
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The United States navy announced tonight that it suspects the presence of Japanese craft in Alaskan waters, uncomfortably close to Kodiak Island where a naval air station is under construction.

A navy communique mentioned a suspicion that Japanese "vessels" were in the vicinity and said that merchant ships had been warned.

The "vessels" presumably were submarines.

There was some speculation as to whether an aircraft carrier might have transferred their operations from the California coast, scene of recent sinkings, to the great Alaskan peninsula that juts out far into the Pacific toward Japan.

The army at the same time issued a communique chronicling the death of 27 men and the wounding of 80 in Japan's aerial assault yesterday against the island fortress of Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Bay.

### International At A Glance

By The Canadian Press

MOSCOW—Russians threaten to pinch off German siege forces before Sevastopol after retaking Kerch and Feodosiya in Crimea.

SINGAPORE—Far East fortress declares martial law as high command reports Japs suffering heavy losses north of Singapore.

MANILA—Jap forces on southern Luzon front are reported to have advanced within 45 miles of Manila; heavy enemy pressure reported in north.

### War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Lack of major developments on other war fronts, east or west, throws into bold relief unconfirmed rumors from Manila that a Japanese attempt to run the gun-bristling defences of Manila Bay has been made or is impending.

That possible explanation of intensive and costly enemy bombing of Corregidor Island, central bastion of the harbor mouth defences, is speculatively advanced. It sounds too fantastic for credence.

Whatever the real Japanese motive in testing out Corregidor's air defences, it does not seem within the realm of reason that a fleet effort to smash through the narrow channel it guards is in prospect.

Nor is there much doubt that ashore on Luzon General MacArthur's strategic retirement in the north to shorter defence lines has given Japanese attackers at least momentary pause on that front.

A critical battle in rugged and difficult terrain for the invaders seems impending and it seems probable the Japanese are bringing up fresh troops in that expectation.

The vital concern for the Japanese navy is to guard the sea approaches to the Lingayen area and even more extended and exposed sea communication lines to southern landings on Luzon. They must have unbroken bridges of ships back of them to sustain and intensify the full scale invasions of both Luzon and the Malayan peninsula they are attempting.

Note the China Sea distances involved for the Japanese. Singapore is as far from Japan proper as New York is from London, about 3,000 miles. It is nearly 2,000 miles from Japan's China Sea advance base, Formosa.

The Lingayen beach-heads on Luzon are 500 miles from Formosa and the southern landing centre, Legaspi, 700. And behind Formosa to Japan must run a 1,000-mile sea shuttle service for troops, supplies and ammunition.

That double span of sea between Luzon and Formosa and Formosa and Japan is the danger point for the Japanese, the exposed flank. The Pearl Harbor atrocity was committed to protect it from immediate American fleet incursions which could cut those China Sea ship-bridges and leave Japanese armies stranded in the Philippines and Malaya.

### Red Troops Go On Offensive In Crimean Front

### Re-capture two towns in smashing new successes.

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—(Wednesdays)—(AP)—Red troops of the Caucasus and the Black Sea fleet have stormed and recaptured the Crimean towns of Kerch and Feodosiya in smashing new successes which imperil the entire Nazi army on that Black Sea peninsula, it was announced today.

Premier Joseph Stalin sent a message of congratulation to Gen. Kozlov, commander-in-chief of the Caucasian front, and to Rear Admiral Otkabarsky, commander of the Black Sea fleet, which participated in the recapture of those cities which the Russians were forced to abandon in mid-November.

Kerch is on the eastern tip of the Crimean peninsula about two miles across the straits from the Caucasus and its oil wealth. Feodosiya, however, is at least 55 miles to the west on the coast.

Retreating in both these sectors, the enemy is being pursued by our units," the triumphant communique said.

German armies besieging the big Crimean naval base of Sevastopol on the southwestern coast now are menaced from the rear by the advancing Soviet eastern armies.

SELECT BEST PICTURE  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The New York film critics announced today that they had chosen "Citizen Kane" as the best motion picture of 1941. They picked Gary Cooper for the year's outstanding male performance in "Sergeant York" and Joan Fontaine for the best female performance in "Suspicion."

### Believes Ferry Struck wreck

### Capt. John L. Read Concluded Evidence At Hearing.

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—(CP)—Belief that the ferry Charlottetown struck a wreck submerged in an uncharted shoal before she sank last June was expressed today by Capt. John L. Read, master of the vessel, in his evidence before the Federal inquiry into the foundering.

"My opinion is that we struck a wreck submerged in an uncharted shoal," he said. "Whatever we struck broke off, allowing us to continue. If the ship had struck bottom, she would have been stopped."

The inquiry is being conducted by Mr. Justice M. B. Archibald, assisted by Capt. R. A. Goudey, commander W. B. Armit, and A. J. S. Hall, Ontario naval assessor.

Under examination of J. Gordon Pogo, K. C., representing the Department of Transport, Capt. Read completed his testimony today. He

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### Churchill in off The record interview

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(CP)—Newspaper publishers and editors here on the invitation of the government to hear Prime Minister Churchill chatted with the noted visitor for more than an hour "off the record" after his speech today in the House of Commons.

About 100 newspapermen from all parts of Canada, representing most of the dailies and many of the weekly papers, met the Prime Minister in room 16 of the Parliament Buildings, a room used during sessions of Parliament as a lounge for members of all parties.

Mr. Churchill was in happy mood. In addition to the publishers, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Conservative House Leader Hanson and Hon. J. A. Glen, speaker of the House, joined in the conference.

Mr. Churchill told the visitors as he sat in a comfortable chair smoking during most of the conversation. On one occasion his clear went out and he asked for a match. Mr. King not being a smoker could not supply him but Mr. Hanson a pipe-smoker, came to his rescue.

### U.S. Commander Reports Lines Are Pushed Back

### Grave news early today from United States Forces in Philippines.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—"The enemy is driving in great force from both north and south," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's United States headquarters announced today.

"His dive bombers practically control the roads from the air," the communique continued.

"The Japanese are using great quantities of tanks and armored units.

"Our lines are being pushed back." This terse and ominous announcement at 11 a.m. followed disclosure that the southern defensive front was only a half-hour's automobile drive from Manila.

Clark Lee, Associated Press war correspondent, left here by automobile at 7:30 a.m., visited the front line vicinity and was back in Manila at 8:30 a.m.—only an hour for the round trip.

This marked an unspecified but considerable advance for the Japanese invaders, who last night were reported to be within 45 miles of Manila and apparently bent on skirting both sides of the great Laguna de Bay on the first-class roads leading around that lake to this closely imperiled capital.

This thrust was in two columns, one reaching the town of Dolores, some 35 miles beyond the Atimanan beachhead, and the other driving to Luisiana, about 15 miles west from the original Mauban landing.

The possibility that some of the veteran Japanese troops used in the siege of Hong Kong now were joining the Philippine invading forces was seen in some quarters. Manila itself, having been declared an open city, has lost any military significance, although the Japanese have bombed it since it was stripped of defences.

There were rumors that Japanese warships had sought to slip up on the fortress of Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Bay, but U. S. headquarters had no confirmation and pointed out that such an attempt would give Corregidor's big guns some excellent targets.

### Former Mayor Shot

VICHY, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Fernand Soupe, the former "Red Mayor" of the Parisian suburb of Montreuil who turned collaborator, was shot by a cyclist last night.

The Paris press reported the incident as another terrorist attempt on turncoat Communists. Soupe's condition today was reported improving.

### Around the World And back again

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Around the world and back again, or how news and propaganda dispatches fly by air waves—Tokyo radio tonight carried a Domei agency dispatch from Liaoning quoting a dispatch from New York based on a British broadcast heard by American short-wave listeners as saying—

The Eiffel Tower will (or may) be scrapped for its metal.

P.S.—The Eiffel Tower story first was heard on the Berlin radio—quoting a Vichy dispatch.

### Martial law

SINGAPORE, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Martial law was proclaimed in the Singapore settlement tonight after four heavy Japanese air assaults last night were beaten off with only 11 casualties and negligible damage to this British base.

Afield, the invader still was centering his pressure on the Perak state front below Ipoh, which itself is 290 miles north of Singapore, but his strong attacks cost him heavy casualties for gains which at best were minor.

### Happy New Year

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:  
Dawson 23B  
Victoria 25  
Edmonton 9B  
Regina 12B  
Winnipeg 6B  
Toronto 13  
Ottawa 5B  
Montreal 8  
Boston 20

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Increasing cloudiness with slowly rising temperature Wednesday.  
High tide this morning at 8:52 and tonight at 8:52.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:44 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:44.  
Full moon Jan. 2, 10:42 a.m.  
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.  
BORDEN—(AP)—TORONTO SERVICE  
Leave Borden 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.

### Coming Events

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Date for Notices in this column 3 cents per word  
\*Show Souris Thursday 1. L-261-12-30-21.  
\*Show Montague Saturday 3. L-262-12-30-31.  
\*Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl, Island Cold Storage. L-219-7-9-14.  
\*Dance at Donaldson School, Friday, January 2nd. L-282-12-31-11.  
\*Buying pigs Friday at market square, Charlottetown. Knud Jorgenson. L-269-12-30-31.  
\*Borden Rink, New Year's Day, afternoon skate 3 p.m., night 8 to 10:30. Good ice. Good music. L-303.

\*Loading Hogs every Monday (all day) at Souris. George Dingwell. L-301-12-31-12-Thu.-Fri.-tf.  
\*Collecting Hogs every Tuesday and Friday. George Dingwell Fortune Bridge. L-134-9-15-M-Thur-tf.  
\*Buying live and dressed poultry every Tuesday and Friday. P. J. Noy & Co., Hunter River. L-31-12-3-Wed-Sat-tf.  
\*Loading Hogs at Murray Harbor Monday, January 5th, at Murray River, Tuesday, 6th. John J. Beck. L-292-12-31-21.

\*Buying Potatoes, Oats, Chicken and Fowl daily, paying highest market price. W. F. Smith & Co., North Rustico. L-276-12-31-31.  
\*On account of New Year's falling on Thursday next receiving date for hogs will be Monday, Jan. 5th, all day Albany and Emerald. A. C. and G. C. Green. L-313-12-31-31.  
\*On account of New Year's coming on Thursday will receive hogs at Kensington Friday, January 2 till 3 p.m., Bulman and Bagnall, Hunter River and North Wilshire Friday till noon. Arthur Haslam, Bradabane Friday afternoon. McEwen and Campbell. L-271-12-30-21.

Tomorrow being New Year's Day and a public holiday the next issue of The Guardian will be Friday, January 2, 1942.

### Brest warship Nest bombed

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(CP)—The German warship nest at Brest was blasted in broad daylight today by Britain's biggest bombers, protected by a Polish fighter squadron which was credited officially with destroying seven defending German planes.

Four motorized Halifaxes dumped their loads on the former French naval base, where the Nazi battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the cruiser Prinz Eugen have been reported berthed.

The assault led to the suggestion in informed quarters that at least one of the three Nazi warships might be getting ready to leave for the Atlantic hunting grounds after completion of repairs to damage previously inflicted by the R. A. F.

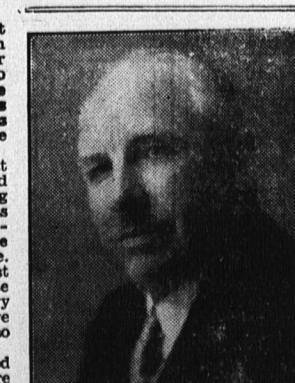
### War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)  
DEC. 31, 1916—German attacks on French posts in Champagne failed. New Allied note presented to Greece demanding reparations and guarantees in connection with Athens disturbances early in December.

### Lieut. Governor LePage Extends Warm Greetings

The year just closing has brought to our Citizens memories of both joy and sadness, and while our sympathy goes out to those who have been called upon to mourn the loss of dear ones, the year has brought much to Canada and this Province for which we should be truly thankful.

The dark clouds of war which at the beginning of the year seemed to overwhelm all freedom loving nations, have been lifted by events brought about by the Empire Forces, the Russian situation and the entry of United States on our side. We enter the New Year with trust and confidence that ere its close the light of a glorious victory may shine, but in order to achieve this victory we must continue to do our part.



HIS HONOUR LT.-GOV. LEPAGE

In closing let me wish one and all of our citizens and members of the War Forces at home and abroad a very Happy New Year. B. W. LePage, Lieutenant Governor.

### Lauder got 'Quite a thrill'

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(CP Cable)—Sir Harry Lauder, the old Scottish comedian who came from retirement to entertain the soldiers of the second great war, said tonight he got a "great thrill" out of Prime Minister Churchill's mention at Ottawa of his famous song of yesterday, "The Laddies Who Fought And Won."

"Next week," said Sir Harry, "I'll be singing it to that Canadian army of which Mr. Churchill spoke."

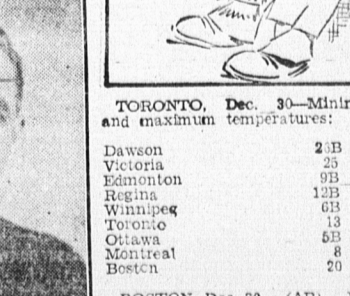
### WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM OF CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

### New Year's Greetings From Premier Campbell

We approach the opening of another New Year with mingled feelings and anticipations. 1941 has been a year of momentous and terrible events. The titanic struggle of the nations has continued with growing intensity and has spread until nearly all the countries of the world are directly or indirectly involved. Britain and her allies have suffered many reverses and have sustained many severe losses. But the close of the year brings with it many encouraging signs. King George's Christmas message has stressed the fact that though the skies are undoubtedly dark, the guiding stars of heroism and fortitude and neighbourly kindness and faith have never shone more brightly than they do now.

The Russian and African campaigns have recently progressed successfully for our forces. The defences of Great Britain herself have been strengthened, and the spirit of her people remains indomitable. For a long time Britain fought alone in the cause of freedom but now she has been joined by powerful allies including the United States, Russia, and China. The New Year is marked by the historic conferences attended by Mr. Churchill at Washington, and we are happy to note that he has accepted an invitation to visit our own Canadian capital of Ottawa.

The spirit of these conferences is undoubtedly one which should enable us to enter 1942 with a new hope and confidence in ultimate and complete victory.



PREMIER THANE A. CAMPBELL

The Government of Prince Edward Island wishes the readers of The Guardian a very Happy New Year. Our cordial wishes are extended particularly to all the members of His Majesty's forces, both those in service abroad and those who are training within our shores. To all—a Happy New Year. Thane A. Campbell

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