

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong south to southwest winds, mostly cloudy with some occasional rain.

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German Planes Are Swept From Skies

Fifteen Planes Dropp Today By Air Forces Of France and Britain

This Number to be Added to Three Brought Down Yesterday—Berlin Admits at Least Some Losses

WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN FRANCE, November 22: (CP)—British and French fighter planes swept the skies clear of German reconnaissance raiders today, shooting down seven. Eight enemy machines were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire. In the day's fighting the French lost two fighters and the British none.

FRANCE IS IN ACCORD WITH MOVE

Collaborating With Great Britain In Blockade of German Exports—Protests Expected—Press Agrees

LONDON, November 22: (CP)—The French government has decided to collaborate with the blockade of German exports as well as imports which was announced yesterday in London by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Diplomatic observers in Great Britain anticipate that the decision of Great Britain and France to blockade German exports will meet with protests from Italy, Russia and possibly other neutral nations.

It is explained that the decision to institute the blockade was made only after all the possible repercussions were taken into consideration and after full consultation with France. It was decided that to impose an economic stranglehold on Germany was the only effective method of combatting the Nazi "ganster" methods of warfare and preventing the enemy from benefitting from same.

If protests are made, the decision will be justified by pointing to many violations of international law in respect to war by Germany. The aim of Great Britain is to force Germany to yield as a result of blockade of all her trade. Stoppage of her exports will prevent her from accumulating foreign currency with which to buy goods.

The British press is in unanimous accord with the latest move against Germany. The Daily Herald says the government is entitled to praise for its firm and prompt reply to Hitler's unwarranted methods. The Daily Telegraph says it is not only Great Britain's right but her duty to retaliate against such brutal methods as Hitler is employing.

Latest Japanese Invasion Checked

Nipponese Themselves Admit That There Has Been No Progress During Past Twenty-Four Hours

HONG KONG, Nov. 22: (CP)—A spokesman for the Chinese nationalist government says that the latest Japanese thrust into China has been checked. The Japanese themselves admit that there has been no progress in the last twenty-four hours.

TALKS TO OWN FOLK

Hon. T. A. Crerar Speaks to Canadians Today in Radio Broadcast

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of mines and natural resources for Canada and the Dominion's delegate to the Imperial ministers' war conference, in a broadcast today to Canada, said that the English and French peoples were mobilizing "every atom of their strength."

He said that the Empire discussions had been most helpful in revealing the complexity of the war problem and providing suggestions for meeting it.

Just returned from a visit to the front, Mr. Crerar declared the Maginot Line was virtually impregnable.

VICTIM OF 22 RIFLE

Alfred Deane Shot by Companion Last Evening and Now in Hospital at Port Simpson

Last evening on the townsite at Port Simpson, Alfred Deane, fourteen years of age, was shot by one of his companions, accidentally, it is assumed, with a 22 rifle. The bullet went through the chest and entered the lung and the lad is now being cared for at the Port Simpson Hospital to which place he was taken immediately after the accident.

Alfred is a brother of Jack Deane, secretary of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, and also of Pat Deane of this city.

Bulletins

KAISER'S CONGRATULATIONS BERLIN—The former Kaiser, William Hohenzollern, is reported to have sent a telegram to Chancellor Hitler, congratulating him on his recent escape from the Munich bombing assassination attempt.

ESCAPE FROM HOME VANCOUVER—Three youths made their getaway from the Borstal Home at Burnaby yesterday.

WILLIAM COCKSHUTT DIES BRANTFORD—William Cockshutt, 84, former President of Cockshutt Plows, died last night.

TRAWLER IS SUNK

Another Victim of German Mine—139 Sinkings Since War Began

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—The trawler Delphine, British, 200 tons, was sunk by striking a German mine in the North Sea late Tuesday. The crew of thirteen was rescued. This made the seventeenth vessel to be sunk since the week-end in the war at sea.

Since the start of the war, 139 vessels have been sunk, 75 of them being British.

IRELAND IS LOYAL

Viscount Craigavon Assures Britain of Full Support

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—Viscount Craigavon, Premier of Northern Ireland, is visiting London. "In every war since we are second to none of the Dominions in supporting the British government," he pointed to the manner in which Irishmen are flocking to the colors. Making his first visit to London since the war, Viscount Craigavon called upon Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and Sir John Anderson.

INTERCEPT NAZI SHIP

Germans Sink Vessel Rather Than Let It Fall Into Hands Of British

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—A German ship, the Bertha Fisser, bearing the alias "Ada of Bergen," 4,110 tons, was intercepted by British warships off Iceland. The Germans, according to the Admiralty, immediately started to sink the ship which later drifted on the rocks of Iceland and broke up. Members of the crew were picked up.

A Reuters dispatch differs somewhat from the Admiralty announcement, saying that the German ship was set fire by shells from the British warship. There were four warning shots which the vessel failed to heed after which the guns were turned upon her and she was hit fourteen times. Later she burst into flames and, after drifting ashore, broke in two on the rocks.

AIRCRAFT ORDERED

Canadian Manufactured Reconnaissance Ships Pass Tests At Ottawa

OTTAWA, November 22: (CP)—The Royal Canadian Air Force has accepted the design of twin engine Bristol Bolingbroke reconnaissance aircraft made in Canada after tests at Rockliffe and orders for seventeen of these machines have been placed.

Similar to British machines which successfully raided the Kiel Canal air base at the first of the war, these ships have a maximum speed of three hundred miles per hour and 220 miles per hour when loaded with half a ton of bombs. Their cruising range is 2000 miles.

Crew Of German Ship Is Interned

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—The German freighter Reingold, which was captured yesterday by the British Navy and taken to a Scottish port, had a cargo of wheat. The crew has been interned.

War News

INTELLIGENCE OTTAWA—Canadian forces are to undergo intelligence tests. The Royal Canadian Air Force will be the first to take them. A board of psychologists, with Sir Frederick Banting as chairman, will carry out the tests.

PRISONERS ESCAPED LONDON—Four German prisoners of war have escaped from a British internment camp. Two were soon recaptured.

WAR IS COSTLY TOKYO—The Japanese government has to date spent \$2,350,000,000 on the war with China, it is announced.

FACTS INOPERATIVE LONDON—The British government has advised the League of Nations at Geneva that all naval limitations pacts in which Great Britain is a participant are inoperative on account of the war.

FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE LONDON—Richard Butler, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said in the House of Commons today that Great Britain was fighting today for the principles upon which the League of Nations was founded. There might appear to be some unrealistic in the international co-operation must return if civilization is to be maintained.

LLOYD GEORGE CRITICAL LONDON—Former Prime Minister David Lloyd George criticized the British government today for its slowness in going to war. He denounced Prime Minister Chamberlain for not having attacked Germany a year ago after Hitler had violated the Munich agreement concerning Czechoslovakia.

SWEDISH SHIP STOPPED STOCKHOLM—A Swedish ship was stopped and searched in Swedish territorial waters by a German flying boat. After the searching, the commander of the flying boat apologized and took off.

BULGARIANS MISTREATED SOFIA—Bulgarian workers in Germany are being mistreated and underfed. Having received complaints, the Bulgarian government is asking Germany to repatriate its nationals in the Reich.

ATTACK ON ROUMANIA LONDON—The News-Chronicle says that Germany is preparing to attack Roumania through Hungary, 700,000 Nazi troops being massed for this purpose.

AIRMEN PICKED UP LONDON—Three German airmen were picked up today by the British Navy in the North Sea and landed at a coast point. The fliers were in a collapsible boat.

David Brown, for supplying liquor to Indians, was fined \$50, with option of one month's imprisonment, in city police court yesterday.

COMMUNIST PAPER CLARION BANNED

OTTAWA, Nov. 22: (CP)—Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, on recommendation of the board of censors, has issued an order prohibiting publication of the Toronto Communist paper "The Clarion."

DAMAGED BY MINE

Italian Vessel Is Latest Victim Of Indiscriminate Mine Laying Of Germany

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—Latest victim of the German mine warfare today was an Italian steamer which was badly damaged off the southeast coast of England. The vessel, although in serious shape, was able to stay afloat and was towed to port. Her crew of thirty-three is unharmed. The name of the vessel was Finona.

FOUR NAZI SHIPS DOWN

Enemy Aircraft Had Bad Day At Hands Of Allies

PARIS, Nov. 22: (CP)—Four Nazi planes, at least one by a British pilot, were brought down by the Allies yesterday, two in the vicinity of the Westwall, one back of the French lines on the Western Front and one at sea to which two were driven. Twenty Nazi planes have been brought down during the past seven weeks.

ISLANDS VISITED

Six German Bombers Drop Missiles On Shetlands But Fail To Score Hits

LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—Ostensibly aiming for military objectives, six German airplanes bombed the Shetland Islands today with explosive missiles but failed to score a hit. There were air raid alarm signals with the "all clear" coming a few minutes later. No damage was done.

A communique later said that the Shetland raiders fired at an anchored Royal Air Force seaplane but nobody was injured.

Anti-aircraft guns also roared in South Essex this afternoon but villagers said that no planes became visible.

An east coast battery fired a dozen rounds at a German bomber flying seawards.

Royal Air Force fighters chased away a German reconnaissance plane which appeared over the mouth of the Thames River.

Looks To United States As Large Factor In Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22: (CP)—Cardinal Villeneuve, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, paying a visit here, predicted that United States influence would weigh heavily in the balance of a durable peace after the war was over.

Orkney Islands Are Closed Up

Both Residents and Visitors are Being Restricted

PARIS, Nov. 22: (CP)—The persistence of German air raids on the Orkney Islands has caused Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, to restrict both residents and visitors on the Islands. Henceforth no one will be permitted to live or visit there without special permit.

German Arrested For Munich Bombing; Was British Plot Declares Chief Of Gestapo

DENIES KNOWLEDGE

PARIS, November 22: (CP)—Otto Strausser, head of the German Black Guard and arch-enemy of Adolf Hitler, denies responsibility for the Munich beer cellar bombing or that he even knows George Elser or the British secret service agents mentioned by Heinrich Himmler. He admits, however, that the anti-Nazi influence of the Black Guard has even spread to the German troops on the Western Front. Strausser accused Himmler of planting the Munich bomb himself to stir up a campaign of hate.

BERLIN, November 22.—It was stated last night by Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, German secret police, that George Elser, 36-year-old German of Munich, had confessed having placed the time bomb which exploded November 8 in the Munich beer cellar where Chancellor Adolf Hitler had spoken only a few minutes previous.

Elser is formally charged with taking part in an anti-government plot.

According to Himmler, the plot was organized by Otto Strausser, a former Hitler lieutenant, now described as the "renegade anti-Nazi leader abroad and head of 'the Black Front,' on behalf of the British secret service in whose employ he was. Elser was hired to carry out the actual placing of the bomb.

Elser, Himmler states, was arrested on November 11, three days following the explosion, after he had endeavored to escape to Switzerland. In August, according to Elser's purported confession, he carved out the recess for the bomb and the night before the explosion visited the place to see that everything was in readiness. The plot had been planned ever since August 1935.

The British secret service headquarters, where the plot was engineered by a man named "Bes" and a Capt. Stevens, British intelligence agents, with the collaboration of Strausser, are said to have been in Holland. Bes and Stevens were captured November 9 while endeavouring to escape to the Netherlands. Strausser is said to be now in Paris.

Other arrests, besides Elser, are understood to have been made.

Britain Denies It LONDON, Nov. 22: (CP)—Charges in Germany that British agents had engineered the Munich bombing plot against Chancellor Adolph Hitler brought a prompt denial from Great Britain, it being officially denied that the government or any of its agents had any knowledge of the crime. Further, Germany is charged with Great Britain of kidnapping two Britons who are held in Germany on charges of plotting a German revolution. It is believed here that these two men were snatched across the frontier from Holland into Germany in a strange incident which took place soon after the Munich bombing.

TO ASSAY ORE HERE Office Is Established Anywhere In Province, It Will Be At Prince Rupert, Minister Announces VICTORIA, Nov. 22: (CP)—Hon. W. J. Asseltine, minister of mines, told the Legislature today that he could not say definitely that a branch assay office would be established in the province this year but, if it was, it would be at Prince Rupert. Mr. Asseltine spoke after E. T. Kenney, member for Skeena, had maintained that, if an office was warranted outside of Victoria, it should be at Prince Rupert or sampling plant. Previously George Murray, Liberal member for Lillooet, urged a branch office closer to the Cariboo mining district. The House approved estimates of the mines department totaling \$432,960 including \$200,000 for Peace River oil exploration. Other votes made yesterday were \$341,198 for the Department of Agriculture, \$8,839,818 for public debt and \$80,184 as part of Trade and Industry Department supply.

NEW PHASE COMING UP

British Under Secretary For Air Warns Canada Against Wishful Thinking

OTTAWA, Nov. 22: (CP)—Capt. Harold Balfour, British under secretary of air and leader of the aviation training delegation to Canada, speaking at Ottawa, said that Canada was capable of producing airplanes second to none. So far this had been a diplomatic war. The second phase of the war is about to start. Possibility of an internal crack-up in Germany is but wishful thinking, he says. The British government has no such illusions but is preparing for a long and arduous war, lasting three years or possibly longer.

American Red Cross Making Britain Gift

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The British Red Cross has accepted the gift of \$25,000 in cash and a large quantity of dressings from the American Red Cross.