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Six More Ships Are Lost At Sea

TURKEY HAS EARTHQUAKE

Hundreds Dead and Many Villages Razed In Violent Shocks During Past Day

ANKHARA, Turkey, Nov. 23 (CP)—Hundreds of persons are feared dead and many villages were destroyed by violent earth shocks over a period of twenty-four hours throughout western Turkey. At least six villages have been levelled.

Conservative Is Elected By Acclamation

CHESTER, Eng., Nov. 23: (CP)—W. Garfield Weston of Toronto was returned by acclamation to the House of Commons as Conservative member for Macclesfield in the British parliamentary by-election.

WEATHER CLEARED

More Action is Now Anticipated on Western Front With Movement Of Mechanized Equipment

has returned to the Western Front after rains of several days and frost was hardening the ground whereby it is expected it may soon be possible to move mechanized equipment again.

However, some sections of the country are still under water and the Germans have been forced to move out of some Westwall positions.

Ten New Air Fields Will Be Started

EDMONTON, Nov. 23: (CP)—Hon. W. A. Fallow, minister of public works, announced yesterday that ten additional air fields would be put in in this province under a Dominion-provincial plan.

Bulletins

B.C. LUMBER EXPORTS VICTORIA—British Columbia lumber exports to the United Kingdom were down 41,000,000 board feet from September to 74,000,000 board feet in October. The reason was the shortage of ships for export purposes.

EXPORTING CHRISTMAS TREES PRINCE GEORGE—One carload of Christmas trees has been shipped from this district to California and another five are to leave shortly with 10,000 young trees.

DOUKHOBOR DISPUTE VICTORIA—Legislation will be introduced at the present session of the Legislature designed to end the land dispute between the Doukhobors and the Sun Life Assurance Co. and National Trust Co.

PILOT IS KILLED FAIRBANKS—Pilot Morris Johnson, veteran commercial pilot, was killed yesterday when his plane crashed into bushes near the Fairbanks airport during a snowstorm yesterday.

BRITISHERS LINKED UP

More Definite Charges Made By German Authorities In Connection With Munich Beer Cellar Bombing

BERLIN, November 23: (CP)—Two purported British secret service agents, listed as Captain Richard Henry Stevens and Sigismund Payne Best, who were arrested at the Netherlands frontier on November 9, were officially blamed by German authorities yesterday as being direct links in the Munich bomb explosion of November 8 which nearly cost the life of Chancellor Adolf Hitler. Officials formally claimed that the agents were responsible for the blast jointly with George Elser, whose police claim set the time bomb and Otto Strasser, leader of the anti-Nazi Black Front now living in France. Previously Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief, had not linked the Britons directly with the bombing but had announced that Elser planted the bomb at the instigation of Strasser with British funds.

In a statement at Paris denying complicity in the Munich bombing, Strasser accused Himmler of engineering the whole bombing incident himself in order to stir up German hate against Great Britain and to have a pretext to deal with the Nazis' internal enemies.

The British Foreign Office, saying that neither the British government nor any British agent had any knowledge of a German citizen charged with the bombing, stated that it considered the German statement linking the British with the bombing as "quite incomprehensible."

PARLIAMENT PROROGUES

King Pays Tribute to War Effort of Dominions and Expresses Confidence at to Outcome of Conflict

LONDON, November 23:—The British Parliament prorogued today with the speech from the Throne paying tribute to the part the Dominions are playing in the empire's war effort. "Their invaluable help is giving the greatest encouragement to me," said the King in his address. "With the aid of our faithful French and Polish allies we cannot doubt our cause will prevail."

All colorful ceremony in connection with the prorogation was abandoned and the King was not present in person. A new session will open next Tuesday. A proposal of the Labor party that a secret session of Parliament be held in connection with war matters is expected to be acceded to by the government. The secret session would discuss supply and munitions.

Tried To Help Germany So He Goes To Prison

REGINA, Nov. 23: (CP)—Max Stepp was sentenced to twelve months here yesterday on a charge of attempting to communicate with the enemy. It was alleged that Stepp endeavoured to inform Germany of a type of torpedo which would be guided by radio, expressing the hope that it would help the Reich.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11 o'clock, was reported this afternoon to be on time.

Two Subs Are Sunk

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The French Admiralty reported last night that two German submarines had been sunk within three days by the same French torpedo boat.

WAR IS COSTLY

Cost to Great Britain Nearly \$30,000,000 Daily, Chancellor of Exchequer States

LONDON, Nov. 23.—This war is costing Great Britain nearly \$30,000,000 daily, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated yesterday. It is the most expensive war ever fought.

TRADE DEAL CALLED OFF

Germany Unable to Get Any Concessions From Roumania—Bucharest Cabinet Resigns Over Issue

BUCHAREST, Nov. 23: (CP)—The Roumanian government resigned today after a breakdown of trade negotiations in which Germany had brought pressure to obtain more oil from Roumania at lower cost. The German pressure reportedly caused a cabinet split.

Premier Constantine Argetoianu has been asked to form a new government.

The German economic delegation has left Roumania for home. All it was able to obtain from Roumanian was the lifting of an embargo on oil seeds.

Trade Agreement Between Canada And Gt. Britain

OTTAWA, Nov. 23: (CP)—Canadian trade authorities think it would be to the advantage of both Great Britain and Canada if a trade agreement were signed providing for supply of wheat, bacon and cheese by Canada to Great Britain for the war period. Under such an agreement, there could be price stabilization on these commodities.

To Lead New Zealanders

General Bernard Friberg V. C. Is Given Command of First Expeditionary Force

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Nov. 23: (CP)—General Bernard Friberg V.C., who served with distinction at the Dardanelles in the First Great War, being mentioned in dispatches six times as well as winning the coveted Victoria Cross, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the first New Zealand expeditionary force in the present war.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Nov. 23: (CP)—Winnipeg wheat futures were off 1/4c to 3/8c yesterday with December closing at 70 1/2c. In New York yesterday wheat prices were unchanged at 1 1/4c lower with May closing at 85 1/2c.

War News

VATICAN CRITICAL ROME—Observatore Romano, Vatican newspaper, strikes out at Germany for its violation of international law in laying floating mines.

GERMAN WAR AIMS PARIS—LeSoir says it has learned that German war aims include the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine, parts of Holland and Belgium, Roumania and Jugoslavia.

FLEES FROM GERMANY THE HAGUE—Because the Nazi government threatened to take over all his patents, Wilhelm Messerschmidt, designer of the well known fighting plane bearing his name, has fled from Germany to Holland.

IF WAR IS NOT WON CALCUTTA—Picturing the possibility of Chancellor Adolf Hitler reaching out to Canada in the event of Germany winning the war, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader, speaking here, pointed out that an airplane base in James Bay would place the Germans within 600 miles bombing distance of Canada's major centres of population.

WARFARE IN SKIES

Allies Have Brought Down Seventy-Nine Planes so Far in Present Conflict

LONDON, Nov. 13: (CP)—The Allies, by use of pursuit planes and anti-aircraft guns, are making progress in their campaign to end German reconnaissance flights over France and the British Isles as evidenced in the bringing down of seven enemy planes yesterday. It is learned that a twenty-year-old Royal Air Force pilot was responsible for the bringing down in the North Sea of a bomber which had flown over London. Another German plane which had attempted to bomb Calais was brought down in the sea near Ostend, Belgium. Of the seven German planes brought down yesterday, seven were in combat with Allied pursuit planes and two fell to anti-aircraft fire.

An official communique issued at Paris said that five German pursuit planes had been shot down in France yesterday and a German reconnaissance plane fell in Belgium after an attack by French fighters. Last night it was unofficially reported that eight German planes had been brought down.

A German plane circled over Paris last night and anti-aircraft guns flashed. An hour later the "all clear" signal was given. No bombs were dropped. The total of German planes brought down so far in the war is placed at 79—30 in September, 31 in October and 28 so far in November.

United States Ambassador To Belgium Called

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23:—Joseph G. Davies, United States ambassador to Belgium, has been called to Washington for consultation in regard to trade with European nations. He will be in the United States only a short time, it is announced.

POLAND HAS NEW DOMAIN

War Time Capital Is Set Up At Anger, 160 Miles From Paris, France

PARIS, Nov. 23: (CP)—A temporary Polish domain for the war has been established at Anger, 160 miles from Paris. There Premier Sikorski and his cabinet have set themselves up in a chateau on a large estate half a mile square.

Canada To Train Half Of Allied Pilots In War

TORONTO, Nov. 23: (CP)—Canada will train more than half the pilots to be used by the Allies in the war, it was announced in an address here last night by Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of transport.

PREMIER SPEAKER

Allied Forces Are Ready For Any Eventuality, Declares Mr. Chamberlain

LONDON, Nov. 23: (CP)—The Allied forces are ready for any eventuality and are confident of ultimate victory in the war, Prime Minister Chamberlain said in a dinner speech today. It was essentially a question of rising to meet the challenge to liberty and independence. He was satisfied with the strength of the fighting forces, declared the Prime Minister referring to the alliance with France. He also expressed satisfaction with the mutual assistance of Turkey.

SO. AFRICA ON WATCH

Special Precautions Taken to Guard Against German Raider

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Nov. 23: (CP)—In view of the report that a 16,000-ton German liner which escaped from Portuguese East Africa recently has been converted to the status of a raider, special precautions have been ordered along the South Africa coast. Blacking out of all lighthouses and silencing of radios has been ordered among other safeguards.

Seaplane Destroyed At Shetland Base

German Raider Successful in Setting Anchored Ship Afire Yesterday

LONDON, Nov. 23:—The Royal Air Force last night admitted the destruction by fire of a seaplane at a Shetland Islands base. The plane had been struck by a raiding German bombing airplane.

Planes Delivered By Great Britain

Roumania Has Obtained Thirty-Six Planes, it is Announced

LONDON, Nov. 23: (CP)—Delivery of thirty-six planes has been made by Great Britain to Roumania.

NEW YORK COPPER NEW YORK, Nov. 23:—Copper closed at 11.46c per pound on the New York metal market yesterday. March delivery.

Unrestricted Campaign Of Marine Warfare By Nazis Takes Big Toll

Three British, Two French and One Greek Are Latest Victims—Both Submarines and Mines Are Active

LONDON, November 23: (CP)—Six more British, French and neutral vessels were added today to the heavy maritime losses of the past week as a result of indiscriminate Nazi warfare at sea. Losses disclosed today included the British steamship Darino which was sunk by a submarine on November 19, sixteen of the crew being missing. Other newly reported losses at sea include the following:

- Greek freighter Lena R., twenty four saved. Struck a mine off the southeast coast of England. Was on way to Antwerp with cargo of grain.
- British steamer Geraldus, twenty-six saved.
- British trawler Sulby, torpedoed by submarine, seven saved, five missing.
- French trawler Saint Clair B-922, eleven feared lost.
- French trawler Bayles II., sixteen saved.

AIR MINE IS LATEST WAR STUNT

Have Been Dropped by Nazis in Thames Estuary, London Hears—Everything Being Done to Meet Sea Dangers

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, charges German with using illegal magnetic mines in the war at sea. "All that skill and science can devise will be used to meet this new danger," the Chancellor declared.

A special convoy system for protection from mines, submarines and warships is being arranged. Mine sweepers will accompany merchant vessels which will also be supplied with special mine sweeping equipment.

German planes are engaged in dropping of mines in the sea by parachute it has been learned, this having been done by a ship flying low over the Thames estuary yesterday. This aerial sowing of miniature high explosive mines by parachutes by lowflying German planes was reported by Exchange Telegraph. Great Britain is taking energetic action to defend Italian shipping and national dignity against the new German naval warfare, the London Telegraph says in commenting upon resentment which has been expressed by Italy and Japan, the former German allies, against German "piracy."

Inner Cabinet In France Is Formed

PARIS, Nov. 23: (CP)—An inner cabinet is being formed to give even more expeditious attention to war questions.

Destroyer Is Mine Victim

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The British Admiralty announced last night the destruction of a \$1,500,000 destroyer Gypsy with a possible loss of forty lives. The result of striking a German mine in the same vicinity where numerous merchant vessels of various nationalities have been sunk during the past few days. Twenty-one officers and men are known to have been seriously injured. Forty ratings are missing. The loss of the Gypsy is the fifth casualty of the British Navy, apart from mine sweepers, since the war began. The Gypsy, a vessel of 1300 tons, was later beached. The vessel was so close to shore that the explosion attracted large crowds to the beach.

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BISHOPS APPROVE

Anglican Church Heads Recognize Moral Obligation in Waging War

WINNIPEG, Nov. 23: (CP)—Formal approval of the Empire struggle against Hitlerism was given by the Council of Bishops of the Anglican Church in session here. Weaker nations had been robbed, invaded and left half dead, read the Bishops' resolution which recognized a moral obligation to go to the assistance of these nations. Bishop G. A. Rix of Prince Rupert is among those present at the Winnipeg meeting.