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Forces, Advancing Towa ndheim and Hamar, Clash With Germans

Air Activity

s Claim To Have Taken einkjar After Night-Long Bombardment

REGAIN POSITIONS ONDON. April 24: (CP)-The Office announced today that ish troops in Trondheim area beaten off a strong German nter-attack yesterday and reblished positions. The anncement said that Germans landed from ships in Trond-Fjord. At Stavanger today ut twenty enemy aircraft were vily bombed by the Royal Air with a number believed des-

(CP)-British forces, south towards Oslo, have ned a point south of Hamar + + + + + + + + they were met by German rized troops. Here and sixty northeast of Trondheim batout as the British, their landings ts at Andalsnes and Namsos, ded with the Germans.

aviest land fighting was reed at Stiklestad, near Trondwhere British detachments French Alpine chasseurs were ng to force their way from

of Hamar German forces, ng north from Elverum, reported to be retiring.

ing between the Allies and mans in various parts of Norcontinued to increase in inity with bases and lines of main objec-Allied forces, moving westupon Trondheim and southd towns Oslo, have cut the way communication between two important cities.

hile heavy land fighting is C. & E., 2.00. orted to be continuing, both es are active in the air.

esults of reported naval enements in the Skagerrack apto be uncertain. The railway between Namsos and Trondis reported to have been rely damaged as a result of

vy German aerial bombing. ill attacking Nazi bases in and Denmark, for the d night the Royal Air Force the German embarkation of Aalborg in Denmark. Deintensive anti-aircraft fire. one British plane failed to

wo air bases at Oslo were bombso by the British and much hage is claimed by the British have been done by fire from indiary bombs. The Germans, on other hand, said that only a houses had been hit at Oslo o military objectives damag-

Steinkjar Is Taken

alter a night long bombardment, devastating onslaught being ported to have completely wreckthe town, tleaving six thousand rwegians homeless with an untermined number of casualties, Germans were reported today ave occupied Stenkjar on ondheim Fjord to the north. A hotel appeared to be the pal objective of the attack. infantry moved in with market was unchanged today at yesterday. line guns and rifles, the Al- \$37.54 per fine ounce.

be landed at Namsos.

forces making an orderly re-

ssault upon Lillehammer yes-iterday.

resent Time

VICTORIA, April 24: (CP) 4 + It is stated in official quarters + + here that, in view of war con- + + ditions, the British Columbia + + Coal and Petroleum Products + + Control Board is not expected + + to immediately enforce the + + order reducing retail gas price + * despite the judgment of the * +Supreme Court of Canada up- + + holding the validity of the + + Act under which the govern- + + ment attempted to regulate + + gasoline prices. In dismissing + + the appeal of several oil com- + + panies against the Act, the + + Supreme Court of Canada up- + + awarded costs against the + + companies. Premier T. D. Pat- + + tullo said yesterday that the + + whole matter of gasoline + + prices in British Columbia + * would be reviewed in the light * of war conditions.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .091/4. Bralorne, 10.40. Cariboo Quart, 2.60. Dentonio, .011/4. Fairview, .01/2. Gold Belt, .25. Hedley Mascot, .43. Minto, .03%. Pacific Nickel, .08. Pend Orielle, 1.90. Pioner, 2.20. Premier, 1.23. Privateer, .57. Reno. .25. Relief Arlington, .06. Salmon Gold, .03. Sheep Creek, 1.06. Cariboo Hudson, .037/8.

A. P. Con., 15. Calmont, .38. Freehold, .621/2. Home, 2.60. Pacalta, .04, Royal Can., .18. Okalta, 1.10. Mercury, .061/2. Prairie Royalties, .17.

Aldermac, .25. Beattie, 1.06. Central, 21.7. Cons. Smelters, 43.50. East Malartic, 3.60. Fernland, .03. Francoeur, .44. Gods Lake, .44. Hardrock, 1.05. Int. Nickel, 40.12. Kerr Addison, 2.48. Little Long Lac. 2.80. McLeod Cockshutt, 1.90. Madsen Red Lake, .43. McKenzie Red Lake, .1.30. Moneta, .66. Noranda, 70.50. Pickle Crow, 3.05. Preston East Dome, 2.14. San Antonio, 2,26. Sherritt Gordon, .97. Uchi, .65. Bouscadillac, .031/2. Mosher, .07. Oklend, .06.

Toronto

BAR GOLD

Smelters Gold, .011/2.

Dominion Bridge, 35.00.

spite heavy Nazi aerial at-! terday, stating that hundreds of tks, British and French troops Allied troops had been killed, Cincinnati fighting equipment continue wounded or taken prisoner. The German report added that most Has Floods he strategic fortress of Hegra of the casualties were Canadians, olding out and is declared by which claim is not consistent with defenders to be impregnable. an official announcement, made Meanwhile both Allied and Ger- both at Ottawa and London yes-Meanwhile both Allied and Ger- both at Ottawa and London yesreinforcements are being terday, that none of the Canadian light into the valley between Active Service Force had been high the and Dombas, through sent to Norway, the only Cana-

For many weeks German troops were reported to be practising landing operations at points along the Baltic coast. The fruit of these preparations was apparent as the Nazi legations swept over Denmark and launched attacks on various key points along the Norwegian coast, capturing Bergen. Oslo, Narvik and Trondheim. German troops are shown here launching one of the boats designed for use by landing parties. DEFENSIVE . Britons Bomb Isle Of Sylt Frantically Endeavouring to Preserve Neutrality and Avoid War ◆ LONDON, April 24: (CP) - ◆ -Nazi Ships Ordered Away

4 British war planes bombed the 4 d' German air and naval base on d STOCKHOLM, April 24.—Fearful 4 the Isle of Sylt last night and 4 of being made the next victim of + sank two German patrol ves- + sels. The Westernland airtorrent of rumors as to an immindrome on Sylt was attacked d ent move along that line, Sweden is for one hour and forty min- + frantically endeavouring to maintain neutrality and at the same

time has instituted drastic defence measures in readiness for any em-Reuters News Agency reported last night that all arrangements had been completed for the evacuation of the civilian population of Malmo, important southern port WARATCE across from Denmark, and total ANTER THE LIEUA black-outs have been ordered at

Eighty Thousand Tons Sunk in Two Weeks-Allies' And Neutrals Almost Unscathed

former Norwegian trawlers converted into mine layers—which had zLONDON. April 24: (CP)-Gerbeen anchored off Stroemstad, on many has lost 80,000 tons of mer- Market Is Firm territorial waters at once, the ships weeks, making a total of 500,000 tons since the war began. Soviet Russia is reported to have

neutrals lost none. been reduced to one out of 600.

ITALIAN SHIP BOMBED

BRITISH SHIP SUNK

ter Lalworth has been bombed

and sunk with two seamen kill-

last night, is also reported sunk.

LUXEMBOURG ALARMED

Movements of large forces and

building of roads and bridges

near the frontier by the Ger-

mans make it appear that in-

vasion may be contemplated.

GIBRALTAR — The Italian steamer Italo Balbo has arriver here, reporting that she was

At Plane Flights Fighters of Both Germany and France Were Over Low Country

Yesterday

Nazi aggression and flooded with

ergency.

various coastal points.

obeying the orders.

Soviet's front door.

against Sweden.

Swedish coastal defence author-

ities ordered five German ships-

the west coast of Sweden, to leave

informed Germany that it is op-

posed to the Reich entering Sweden

and thus bringing the war to the

Nazi expeditionary force has em-

barked from German Baltic ports

tice breakers is cited by military

quarters in France as further evi-

dence of a suspected German move

aboard a transport fleet escorted by

Confirmed reports that a fresh

BRUSSELS, April 24.- Belgium has officially protested to Germany LONDON, (CP)-The Montreal and France at flights of war planes the aerial bombardment, price of bar gold on the London of both countries over Belgium

Some Have to Quit Homes

CINCINNATI, April 24 .- Five mich the strategic Oslo-Trond- dians who might be there being hundred Cincinnati families left appears imminent in that volunteered for service in Finland. River went into flood condition. 24: (CP)—Three persons were kill- ing was given the credit. Germans claimed a success- in the fighting over Norway yes- the situation would not become so today. Officials said that product transports were among the vessels Valuable assistance Poland was to Chinese hands since the war serious as in some previous years. tion was not held up.

Fight is Called "Indecisive"-Both Sides Lose Planes

LONDON, April 24.—The British "M nistry reports an "indecisive" battle in the air over Verdun, historic city of the First Great War, vesterday. German Messerchmidts greatly outnumbered and surprised the British Hurricanes one of which was brought down in flames, the pilot making his escape in a parachute. Another British pilot was shot in the shoulder but landed his plane at Metz. One Messerchmidt is believed to have been brought down, having been seen falling with smoke issuing.

There was patrol and artillery activity between the Moselle River and the Bleitz River west of the Vosges Mountains and there were also exchanges along the Rhine.

New York Stock

NEW YORK, April 24.-A total of Last week three British ships 880,000 shares changed hands on were lost, none in convoy, while the New York Stock Exchange yes-Chances of terday. The industrial average at ships being lost in convoy have closing was 148.93, up .92; rails, 30-.70, up .12, and utilities, 24.66, up .01.

Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.-In the presidential primaries for the state of Pennsylvania yesterday Govern- LONDON, April 24: (CP)- Britain has invited Russia to put bombed and machine-gunned by or Arthur James, considered as a 4 The British Empire now has 4 forward concrete proposals for a favorite dark horse, and President + two million men under arms + trade agreement having regard to Franklin D. Roosevelt received res- de exclusive of navy, marines, & Great Britain's object to prevent pectively the unanimous Republi- merchant marine and air force, war supplies reaching Germany, LONDON-The British freighcan and Democratic selections.

ed and eight injured. Another NAZIS ARE BOASTFUL Poland-Norway

fresh cause for anxiety in the Issue Another Extravagant Claim Are Represented as to Allied Naval Losses in War

BERLIN, April 24.—The German propaganda machine countered the PARIS, April 24.- Poland and British statement yesterday of nav- Norway, in addition to Great Bri- WIN BACK al losses since the war began with tain and France, were represented the extravagant claim that fifty- at the meetings of the Allied Suseven British naval vessels had been preme War Council here yesterday. sunk or damaged off the coast of First Lord of the Admiralty Win-EXPLOSION Norway since April 9. The loss, it ston Churchill and General Sir Edthe Allies had so far suffered in the Minister Neville Chamberlain from

According to Berlin claims, three Last night, however, the water be- ed and nineteen injured in an ex- Five cruisers, seven destroyers, tive aid it had been given by the ed from the Japanese. It is the British planes were brought down gan to recede and it was felt that plosion at a munitions plant here seventeen submarines and seven Allies.

FINAL BULLETINS

200 NEGROES BURNED

NATCHEZ, Miss.-More than 200 negroes were burned to death last night when fire trapped them in a dance hall.

TO DIRECT PUBLICITY

LONDON-Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today announced the appointment of Sir Walter Monckton to have charge of publicity in neutral countries.

> EXPLINDING AIR FORCE ROME-Provision is being made for a vast expansion of

military aviation in Italy.

FRASER RIVER RISES QUESNEL-The Fraser River, as a result of heavy rains,

has risen six feet. Bar miners are affected. PUBLISHER HOSPITALIZED

VANCOUVER-James Cullin, publisher of the Zeballos

Miner and well known pioneer printer, has been flown here for hospital treatment.

KNOWS NOTHING

VICTORIA-Premier Pattulo says he knows nothing of the retirement of Walter Owen as warden of Oakalla Prison. The matter has not been considered as far as he knows. Vancouver reports had said Mr. Owen was retiring.

ARK AGROUND

TACOMA-The home-made ark in which a Tacoma man and his wife and five children essayed a trip to Alaska went aground on a bar yesterday and, after several hours, was pulled of by the coastguard.

MRS. CROMWELL EXPECTING

OTTAWA-Mrs. James H. R. Cromwell, wife of the United States minister to Canada, expects to become a mother in August.

WILKINS CANCELS ORDER

SEATTLE-Sir Hubert Wilkins has cancelled his order for a submarine for a North Polar trip. It was to have been a fiftyfoot craft. Wilkins will be unable to make the trip owing to war conditions in Norway making it impossible to arrange for weather reports.

GULF OF FINLAND CLOSED

MOSCOW-Commissar of the Navy Tributz said yesterday that the Gulf of Finland is closed to British and French war mongers forever. "Let our enemies remember that the Soviet is in complete control," he declared.

FORMER MINISTER JAILED

BELGRADE-A former minister of the interior has been arrested on a charge of conspiracy and interned in a remote village.

BRITISH SALES TAX

LONDON-Sir John Simon announces that imposition of a sales tax in Great Britain is planned. The size of the tax and when it will be applied will be announced later.

DR. THOMPSON BURIED

VANCOUVER-The funeral of the late Dr. Thompson took place yesterday with interment in the Masonic cemetery. Among the mourners were Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Prince Ru-

FELL ON SAW

NEW WESTMINSTER-John Shilling of Coquitlam, was instantly killed when he fell on a saw at the Fraser Mills. He was 35 years of age.

Two Million Under Arms

4 the government announces.

Attended Sessions of Allied Supreme

War Council in Paris Yesterday

railway passes, and a major individuals who had previously their homes yesterday as the Ohio Pivor went into flood condition 24: (CP) Three parsons with the chamberlain from The Chimese Central News Agency

BILLINGHAM-ON-TEES, April war. Successful Nazi aerial bomb- England. Norway expressed ap- reported today that Kaifeng,

TO SOVIET

LONDON, April 24: (CP)-Great * Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs R. A. Butler told the House of + Commons today.

WHEAT PRICES

WINNIPEG, April 24: (CP)-Wheat prices were unchanged to 18c lower on the Winnipeg market yesterday, May closing at 81c. New York prices were unchanged to 1/40 lower with September closing at

CAPITAL

CHUNGKING, April 24: (CP)-The Chinese Central News Agency