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Tomorrow's Tides

High 5:04 a.m. 18.2 ft. 18:31 p.m. 16.1 ft. Low 12:01 p.m. 5.8 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong winds mostly southwest, mild with occasional showers and clearing before night.

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NORWAY FIGHTS VALIANTLY ON AS A BLOW TO INVADERS

Germany Resorts to Indiscriminate Bombing of Civilians—Oslo Without Electricity as Dam Is Blown Up

LONDON, April 13: (CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation sent the following message to Norwegians today as a part of the new Norwegian news service: "Allied help is coming and coming quickly. Hold out! Long Live Norway! Long Live King Haakon!"

Norway fought valiantly on land today, and apparently with some effect, in resisting the German invasion of the country as the Allies gathered their air and sea forces with a view to launching a smashing blow to oust the Nazi aggressors. The plans of the British and French were shrouded in secrecy but they were reported to be concentrating large forces.

Despite the effective blockade which the Allies claimed, Germany asserted that she was continuing to land troops and fighting equipment in large quantities in Norway without interruption, a claim which was "poo-pooed" in London.

Meantime severe fighting continued in various parts of Norway, the defenders claiming they were holding their own while the Germans asserted that they were making decisive advances and effectively consolidating the hold which they had already obtained.

The French war Ministry charged today that Germany was engaging in general bombing attack upon civilian populations of cities and towns in Norway, following similar tactics to those which had been pursued in Poland. The towns of Evertum and Eidsvold have been virtually destroyed.

The invaders were having difficulty at Oslo following the dynamiting of a dam which left the capital without electric light or power, throwing the city into darkness and causing its factories to close down.

King Haakon bravely declared today that he would remain on Norwegian soil as long as one inch remained. Wearing a general's uniform and without a change of clothes owing to his sudden flight, the King said he had food on hand to last four days.

There were reports that the King was to resume negotiations with the German minister to Oslo but it was considered such reports were merely propaganda. Carl Hambro, president of the Norwegian Parliament, expressed confidence today that the Germans would be thrown out of Norway. "Norwegians will fight to the last man," he declared.

ROUMANIA AND NAZIS

Bucharest Proposes To Limit Exports—No Rupture With Reich Danube Floods Halt Traffic

BUCHAREST, April 13.—The Roumanian Supreme Council proposes a limit on various commodity exportations in view of domestic needs but it is officially denied that there is a rupture in trade relations between Germany and Roumania. Dr. Carl Clodius, German trade negotiator, is still here. Meantime, floods on the Danube River are holding up barge shipments of oil to Germany.

GERMANY CHARGED

Holland Issues "Orange Book" Detailing Incidents Of Neutrality Violation

AMSTERDAM, April 13:—An "Orange Book," issued by the Dutch government, details incidents of German violation of neutrality of the Netherlands including the sinking of ships and the killing of civilian men and women.

STAND OF ARGENTINE

Refuses to Recognize Occupation of Denmark and Norway And Denounces Invasion

BUENOS AIRES, April 13.—The Argentine government refuses to recognize the occupation of Denmark and Norway by Germany and is prepared to join other Latin-American countries in rejecting the Nazi invasion which it denounces.

Danish Ships To Be Seized

LONDON, April 13: (CP)—Great Britain and France are preparing to seize as prizes of war vessels of the Danish merchant marine fleet under the theory that Denmark lost her neutrality when she allowed Germany to take over the country and that her vessels must be regarded as enemy craft. It is suggested they give themselves up voluntarily.

CASEMATE DEFENDED

Germans, for First Time in War, Attempt to Take Concrete Position From French

PARIS, April 13: (CP)—Rowing quietly across the Rhine in early morning darkness, German troops attempted a surprise attack against a French casemate on a small island but were driven off easily by machine gun and artillery fire. It was the first time since the war started that such action has been undertaken. The island was only a few miles from the Swiss border.

Unusual activity is also reported in other Rhine sections where things have been quiet for many weeks. Artillery fire is becoming more intense on both sides.

Bulletins

DIPLOMATS LEAVE DENMARK BRUSSELS—French and British diplomats from Denmark, now taken over by Germany, reached Holland late tonight enroute home. They had travelled through Germany by special train.

U.S. SHIPS COMING HOME WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States government has ordered three freighters in Norwegian waters to return home and has notified the British, German and Norwegian belligerents that they will be expected to give every assistance to see that they are not molested and protected.

AMPLE FOOD RESERVES LONDON—It is officially stated that there are ample reserves of bacon, fish, butter and eggs in the United Kingdom to suffice until such time as additional supplies commence coming from Canada and the other Dominions to make up for the cutting off the Danish and Scandinavian sources.

BYRD SHIPS OUT BALBOA—The Byrd expedition ship North Star arrived here yesterday from Antarctica. The Bear is expected in two or three weeks.

Daring Exploit Of British Navy From Narvik Is Reported

NAZI SOLDIERS ARE REPORTED IN FLIGHT OVER MOUNTAINS AFTER YIELDING IMPORTANT IRON PORT BACK TO BRITISH

LONDON, April 13.—H.M.S. Warspite is credited today with the destruction of seven German destroyers in Narvik Fjord in what early reports indicate to be one of the most brilliant exploits in the history of the British Navy.

Four of the German destroyers were sunk at Narvik and three more which took flight up the fjord were later disposed of. British casualties, early reports indicate, were very slight.

The German soldiers are in flight from Narvik over the mountains.

Narvik is the important port through which iron is taken from Sweden.

The Admiralty has sent a message of congratulations to the Warspite, a great battleship, which led the other vessels of the British fleet in penetrating Narvik.

Three British destroyers were damaged slightly with loss of life believed to be small.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with columns for Vancouver and Toronto stock prices, including items like Big Missouri, Bralorne, Cariboo Quartz, etc.

SWEDEN IS EVACUATING

Civilian Population Has Already Left Malmo and Stockholm Makes Similar Plans

STOCKHOLM, April 13.—In fear of an imminent invasion by Germany from Denmark, the city of Malmo on the narrow strait immediately across from Denmark, is being evacuated of its civilian population and arrangements are being made for evacuation of Stockholm.

The entire coastline is being kept in darkness by night and all steps are being taken to resist invasion or any attempt at violation of neutrality.

Two hundred Finnish refugee children are being returned to Helsingfors. Seventy Finnish children, who had been evacuated to Norway, arrived from that beleaguered country yesterday and will also be shipped back to Finland.

As Sweden made urgent preparations to defend its neutrality if necessary, airfields along the southern coast were packed with parked automobiles to prevent airplanes from landing.

Halibut Sales

Table showing halibut sales summary for American and Canadian catches, including items like Portlock, Sherman, Booth, etc.

ALARM IN LOWLANDS

State of Siege in Holland Extended—Special Precautions in Belgium

AMSTERDAM, April 13: (CP)—A decree extending the area affected by state of siege declared last November when German invasion of the Netherlands was feared was issued today.

In Brussels district the Belgian army placed military guards on all government offices, radio stations and airfields. An official statesman said this had been done "because of general tension."

AIR FORCE IS ACTIVE

British Planes Are Playing an Important Part in Campaign in Scandinavia

LONDON, April 13: (CP)—The Royal Air Force is playing an important part in the Scandinavian campaign.

The Admiralty announces that aircraft of the naval arm blew up a munitions warehouse at Bergen, Norway, yesterday and bombed German warships. A motor torpedo boat was machine-gunned and transported and supply ships were bombed.

A Royal Air Force plane damaged a Dornier flying boat and raked a German destroyer, with hundreds of rounds of machine gun fire in a North Sea battle, it was announced.

CRACK SHIP WENT DOWN

Reich Lost Gneissau, One Of Best Warships, It Is Reiterated—Statement By Norway

Nazi Reverses

Whole Remainder of Navy is Now Trapped or Bottled Up

STOCKHOLM, April 13.—The Norwegian high command claimed last night that the crack German battleship Gneissau, one of the most powerful units of the Nazi navy, had been sunk in this week's fighting in connection with the invasion of Norway. The Gneissau had first been reported sunk. Then the Germans denied it. Now, according to the Norwegian high command, it has been confirmed.

The Gneissau was but three years old. She was a 26,000 ton vessel and carried a personnel of 1460 officers and men.

Norwegian coastal defence shore guns disposed of the Gneissau. Other serious losses sustained by the Germans in this week's sea fighting included the 5400-ton cruiser Emden, the 10,000-ton Karlsruhe at Christiansund and the 6,000-ton Bluecher at Stavanger as well as another cruiser at Bergen. Twelve hundred men went down with the Bluecher.

There were also several German troopships, smaller naval vessels and merchantmen lost. It is estimated that 3000 Germans lost their lives in this week's sea fighting.

All German warships in Narvik were trapped and sunk, including four destroyers, in the engagement there.

Three German trawlers, captured by the British Navy off the Norwegian coast, were brought into northern ports today. Twenty French warships are participating with the British fleet in operations at the Skagerrack, it is reported.

With the remainder of the German Navy now either trapped or bottled up, naval operations last night had been reduced to merely patrol and mining activity. The naval and air conflict in Scandinavia is now in its fifth day.

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