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Tomorrow's Tides

High	7:00 a.m.	16.9 ft.
	19:49 p.m.	18.9 ft.
Low	0:49 a.m.	6.9 ft.
	13:05 p.m.	5.3 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Strong easterly July wheat advanced 7/8c to 75 1/4c rain.

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Fears Nazi Invasion Of Canada

WAR INTENSITY STIFFENS GRIT OF FRANCE: IS READY FOR TRIALS

Canada's Military Attache To France Finds Nations Confident In Its Leadership In Morale

By GLADYS M. ARNOLD Canadian Press Correspondent

PARIS, June 12: (CP)—The courage and confidence of the people of France is unquestionable and intensification of the war has brought a corresponding stiffening of their determination and morale, said Major-General L. R. LaFleche, military attache of the Canadian legation in Paris and former deputy minister of national defence at Ottawa.

General LaFleche spoke with warm admiration for the high quality, the strategical and technical genius of the French army and its command. He said: "General Weygand inspires every confidence while Marshal Petain, whose name will be forever associated with the victory of Verdun in the First Great War, is one of the outstanding soldiers of our time and our enemies know it. The spirit is excellent. There's no fanfare or exaggeration. These men face facts, take reverses calmly and do not give way to premature enthusiasm. Yet there's not the slightest doubt that final victory shall be ours."

The conviction in the general's voice was comforting. "It's a fight for liberty," he added. "Victory must be ours."

Survey of People
Anxious to know the effects of the war on the morale of every class of French society, General LaFleche has been moving about, studying the people in every quarter of Paris, rich or poor. Characteristic of the French, he says, is their adaptability to conditions and their refusal to let severe tests disorganize their lives. These qualities he considers a great source of strength to France.

General LaFleche went on "I've been struck by the gravity and sobriety of the people. Life in France is founded upon a stronger and surer spiritual basis than ever before. They have not lost their sense of humor or gaiety but I see no sign of a certain effervescence which was apparent during the First Great War. There has been a profound evolution in the last 25 years. In 1914-18, France lost very many men in the first months. It was a new kind of war—just as this one is. But the Allies had not learned to have the same confidence and understanding of each other. It took them four years in arms together to learn. "Now we know on both sides that the other fellow is to be relied upon completely—this is our strength and will mean our victory. On the contrary it is Germany's weak point. They are incapable of understanding such fraternity and confidence. Whom do they trust? Their system is based upon spying, informing and inter-dennunciation. Whom can Hitler really trust—even himself?"

France's Great Desire
Your correspondent asked General LaFleche what in his opinion was the greatest wish of the French today. He replied: "To win this war—and so be finished with war. To make Europe secure this time and really gain the peace they lost after the last war. I am sure if you speak to any individual, whatever his place in society, he will take off his uniform and go back to his desk, his books, his shop or his plough—and get on with the job of living." He threw open the windows which look out upon the wide quays and sweeping line of the Seine. On the corner a policeman with his rifle slung across his back stood like a sentinel. A sudden shrill

War Council Has Meeting

LONDON, June 12.—A conference of the Allied Supreme War Council was held in France yesterday. "Complete agreement" was continued on measures to be taken in order to meet developments of the war situation. Attending for Great Britain were Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Secretary of War Anthony Eden and Lieut. General Sir John Dill, British chief of staff, and for France Premier Paul Reynaud, Vice-President Marshal Petain and Generalissimo Maxime Weygand.

AIR FORCE VERY BUSY

One Hundred Bombs A Minute Dropped On German Mechanized Columns Near Front

Naval Base Raided

Italian Military Objectives At Turin And Genoa Attacked By Heavy Bombers

LONDON, June 12.—The air ministry announced this afternoon that the Royal Air Force in a ten minute action supporting the Allied armies resisting the German right wing dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs at the rate of more than one hundred per minute. Convoys were wrecked, mechanized columns scattered and the road junctions blocked. The air ministry also announced that heavy bombers operating from the British Isles attacked military objectives at Turin and Genoa. At Cairo it was announced bombers again raided Libya, directing their principal attack on the Italian naval air base at Tobruk.

blast of his whistle brought the traffic to an instant stop while an elderly and bent old woman wheeled a baby carriage full of mid-day papers across.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo
Will Speak Over the National Network
THURSDAY
At 3 p.m. P.S.T.
From Montreal

War News

WAS GERMAN SUBMARINE
BERLIN—German sources today admitted that it was a German submarine which stopped the United States liner Washington at dawn yesterday.

BOMBING CHUNGKING
CHUNGKING—More than 100 Japanese planes, attacking in waves, started fires this afternoon in Chungking. Heavy casualties are feared. The Soviet embassy was badly damaged yesterday in the heaviest bombing of Chungking since May of last year.

HAILE SELASSIE READY
LONDON—Emperor Haile Selassie has offered the Allies to return to his kingdom of Ethiopia to lead his people in a renewed war against Italy.

MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY
MEXICO CITY—The Mexican foreign minister officially announces the Mexican foreign policy as being "pro-Ally and in co-operation with the United States."

ITALY IS BOMBED
LONDON—The Royal Air Force bombed "certain military objectives" in northern Italy last night, it was announced.

HEINKEL SHOT DOWN
LONDON—The Air Ministry announces that a Heinkel bomber was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighter off the southeast coast this morning.

POLISH SUBMARINE LOST
LONDON—The Polish submarine Orzel, which escaped internment at Tallin, Estonia, last September has been lost, it is announced.

SWITZERLAND BOMBED
GENEVA—The Swiss today counted four dead, including two women, and many injured in the bombings of cities and villages by unidentified foreign planes. At least eighteen were killed in Geneva where five bombs were dropped in the suburban district. Unofficial belief is that the planes were Italian.

TAKES BRITISH INTERESTS
ROME—The United States will represent Great Britain in Italy following the departure of the British embassy staff for home following declaration of war.

TURKEY DELAYS ACTION
ANKARA—The Turkish government has decided to take no immediate action as a result of Italy's entry into the war but is concentrating on defence preparation informed sources said tonight

ROUMANIAN SHIPMENTS OFF
BUCHAREST—All Rumanian maritime traffic in the Black Sea and Mediterranean has been suspended by government order due to "war conditions."

MUNITIONS TO ALLIES

Thirty-Seven Million Dollar Profitless Deal Made Between United States Steel and Government

NEW YORK, June 12: (CP)—Agreement was announced last night with the United States government whereby the United States Steel Export Company, a subsidiary of United States Steel, acquires \$37,600,000 surplus munitions, equipment and ordnance, much of which was made for the last war, will be sold to the Allies. The steel company is to sell at the same price it pays to the government, thereby deriving no profit. The goods taken over technically represent turn-in on new munitions and the general purpose is to speed up deliveries to the Allies.

Member Urges Death Penalty For Sabotage

OTTAWA, June 12.—The death penalty for sabotage, espionage or treason was urged in the House of Commons today by Arthur Slaght, Liberal member for Parry Sound, Ontario.

Totalitarian Sympathizers In United States Only Awaiting Orders To March On Ontario

TURKEY TO DECIDE ON NEXT MOVE

No Immediate Entry Into War Appears to be Anticipated

ANKARA, June 12.—The Turkish government is expected to make a decision tonight in regard to its course in the war. Some newspapers appeared today to expect there would be no immediate entry by Turkey into the war. "Turkey does not seek war but will not fall to face it with all its resources if the need arises," said one paper.

ESTHONIAN SHIP HALT

Vessel Forced To Yield Her Mails To German Naval Vessel In Skagerrack

STOCKHOLM, June 12:—The Estonian steamer Esthonia, bound from England and Canada to Esthonia, was halted by a German naval vessel in the Skagerrack today and her mails removed. She was then permitted to proceed.

GERMANS AT MARNE RIVER

Stubborn Resistance To Advance Still Maintained And Defence System Maintained

TOURS, France, June 12:— In the Vic-sur-Aisne region where the Germans crossed the south river bank and occupied a high plateau, another offensive was unleashed today. The War Ministry indicated that French withdrawals north and northeast of Paris were counterbalanced in the west where the defences were holding near Vernon on the Seine. The ministry said the German advance between Vernon and Rouen had failed to pierce the general defence system. The high command reported tonight that the invading Germans have succeeded in crossing the Marne near Chateau Thierry with some troops.

ITALIANS OFF SEAS

One Vessel Scuttled After Encountering Australian Warship—One Seized In India—Others In Spain

LONDON, June 12:—The Italian steamer Romolo, after being intercepted in the Pacific Ocean by an Australian naval vessel was scuttled by her crew. All the crew were rescued and taken prisoner. Another Italian Steamer, Columbia, has been seized in an Indian port. Several other Italian vessels, to avoid capture by the Allied fleets, have taken refuge in Spanish ports, it is reported.

NEW YORK COPPER
NEW YORK, June 12:—New York copper price was unchanged to 07c higher today with September at 10.55c per pound.

Premier of Ontario Rises From His Sickbed to Issue Sensational Warning—Enemy Well Trained and Ready For Action

ONTARIO, June 12: (CP)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn declared tonight that Nazi-Fascist sympathizers in the United States were waiting only for orders to march across the Atlantic to attack Ontario.

Egypt Has Broken Off Relations With Italy

CAIRO, June 12.—The Egyptian government tonight severed diplomatic relations with Italy preparatory to taking up arms on the side of the Allies in the African campaign. Severance of relations was approved by the Egyptian Parliament.

Young Frenchmen Not Mobilized To Move From Paris

PARIS, June 12: (CP)—The military governor has asked all young unmobilized Frenchmen from the age of seventeen and up to leave Paris.

Battle Of France Now Within Sight And Hearing Of Paris—No Invasion By Italy As Yet

PARIS, June 12.—With the enemy only about twenty miles distant, the Battle of France is now within sight and hearing of Paris. The capital and metropolis of France is in readiness to repel a direct assault as the Germans throw all their force into their greatest drive so far in the terrific offensive.

Menaced by 100 German divisions on the north and eighty Italian to the east, the French high command declared today that "the entire army is intact and in good order." The situation was reported in complete control. All movements were being made deliberately and without being hastened by the enemy. Generalissimo Maxime Weygand, it was declared, was working "according to plan." Paris was but one point of a strategic line of defence and would be treated accordingly. French defenders were "fighting like demons" as the enemy, having thrown all his resources to the last tank and the last reserve into the battle, desperately fought for a speedy decision.

The chief danger to the Allies today, some observers felt, was at Rheims, the fall of which would threaten the whole Maginot Line from the rear and bring the enemy perilously close to Paris. The whole battle continued with intense fury all along the line from the coast to the Argonne today. Even instructional tanks have been rushed up by the Germans to use in their "do or die" thrust for the French capital. The Nazi hopes now appear to be that, if they can take Paris, the French resistance will collapse and give the Germans the breathing spell which they soon must have. However, at a Supreme War Council meeting of the Allies yesterday there was complete agreement that the Allies would continue their present vigorous resistance even if every foot of French soil should be lost and the scene have to be shifted elsewhere. Germany will be permitted no breathing spell. If there is collapse, it will be Hitler's. No Italian Invasion
The expected invasion by Italy of the French Riviera has not yet developed although the Italians were reported today to have blown up a bridge on the frontier today. There were unconfirmed reports of Italian warships having passed through the Dardanelles. There were no less than eight Italian air raids on Malta since yesterday but British authorities declared that casualties were light and no military objectives were struck. Two Italian bombers were brought down by British land guns. Crack French troops are awaiting any break of the Italian forces across the frontier in the French Alps.

WHEAT PRICES
WINNIPEG, June 12: (CP)—The July wheat advanced 7/8c to 75 1/4c on the Winnipeg wheat market yesterday. This morning futures from the age of seventeen and up at New York went up 1/4c to 1 1/2c with September at 83c.

BOMBING OF PARIS

Waves Of German Planes Continue To Fly Over French City, Dropping Incendiary Missiles

NEW YORK, June 12: (CP)—National Broadcasting Co. correspondents in Europe report that waves of German bombers continue to fly over Paris and part of the city is still burning as a result of incendiary bombs. Air fields are among the points around the French capital which have been struck by the German bombs.