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Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:20 p.m. 23.0 ft. 14:13 p.m. 20.6 ft. Low 8:01 a.m. 0.2 ft. 20:08 p.m. 5.1 p.m.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong east winds, cloudy and cooler with occasional rain.

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War Situation Is More Serious

GERMAN DRIVE TOWARD ENGLISH CHANNEL AND PARIS STILL GOES ON

Amiens and Arras Fall to Enemy and Abbeville at Mouth of Somme River Is Claimed to Have Been Reached—Counter-Offensive Must Come Soon

PARIS, May 21.—The German mechanized army, continuing its drive towards the English Channel, swept down the Somme River valley today past Amiens and claimed to have reached Abbeville, only a few miles from the mouth of the river. At the same time, the fall of Arras to the north of Amiens and in the direction of Calais, was admitted. Southward from St. Quentin, the Nazi drive toward Paris, with flame throwing tanks and heavily mechanized infantry, has been resumed and, with Laon reportedly taken, the enemy is advancing on Soissons which is fifty-five miles from the French capital.

War News

NO NEED FOR ALARM LONDON—The minister of information, Alfred Duff-Cooper, tonight that, while present news was grave, there was cause for great alarm. Describing German successes, "the arm of Great Britain and France will there," he said.

GLoucester Wounded

LONDON—The Duke of Gloucester, brother of the King, was wounded tonight to be suffering from wounds caused by bomb explosions on the Franco-Belgian front in three successive nights. The Duke arrived home today on a train.

LEAVING GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR—Women and children of Gibraltar began leaving for French Morocco today under a compulsory scheme of transfer.

TAKING TERRIFIC TOLL

WASHINGTON—President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared today that German planes were sweeping down French roads today with machine guns wide open, taking a toll of refugees the like of which had never been seen before.

GOERING'S WARNING

BERLIN—Vice-Chancellor Herman Goering declared last night that Germany's war moves were being directed by Chancellor Hitler alone and not in consultation. Such a war as this, Goering reminded the people, could not be carried on without casualties but the casualties would be less than those on the Marne and Somme in the last war when the Germans had 1,400,000 casualties. Goering said that many German soldiers had had only eight weeks' training and were exhausted but were keeping on.

APPEALS TO BRITONS

LONDON—Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison appeals to Britons to put the last ounce of their energy into production of arms. They should do this to preserve everything they hold dear. Lord Beaverbrook appeals for co-operation in increased aircraft production. Lord Woolton, minister of food, expresses confidence of ability to take care of food distribution in event of air attacks on the British Isles.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT OFF

LONDON—All normal communications by telegraph and telephone communication between England and the Continent were cut off for a time last night. All wires were needed for official purposes, it was disclosed today.

Along the Aisne River and at Montdidier the French are continuing to resist fierce Nazi attacks. Between the Somme and Cambrai, according to French reports, there have been heavy engagements with the issue somewhat confused. A French military spokesman said that veritable clouds of parachute troops have been dropped around Cambrai but were being repulsed as they landed. The aim of the parachutists is to seize: railway facilities, bridges and communication lines.

The British Royal Air Force continues heavy bombing activities behind the enemy lines on supply lines, troop concentrations and communications, particularly in the Rhine region. British planes bombed Rotterdam, Holland, today and set oil tanks afire. "Incredible Mistakes" In an important statement before the French Senate today, Premier Paul Reynaud, admitting the fall of Amiens and Arras, said that "incredible mistakes" had been made which would be punished. These mistakes had included failure to blow up bridges across the Meuse River in the retreat of the French army, thus facilitating bringing up of reinforcements and continuation of the German advance. The Premier's statement was taken to suggest that "fifth column" activities in France were more extensive than might have been thought.

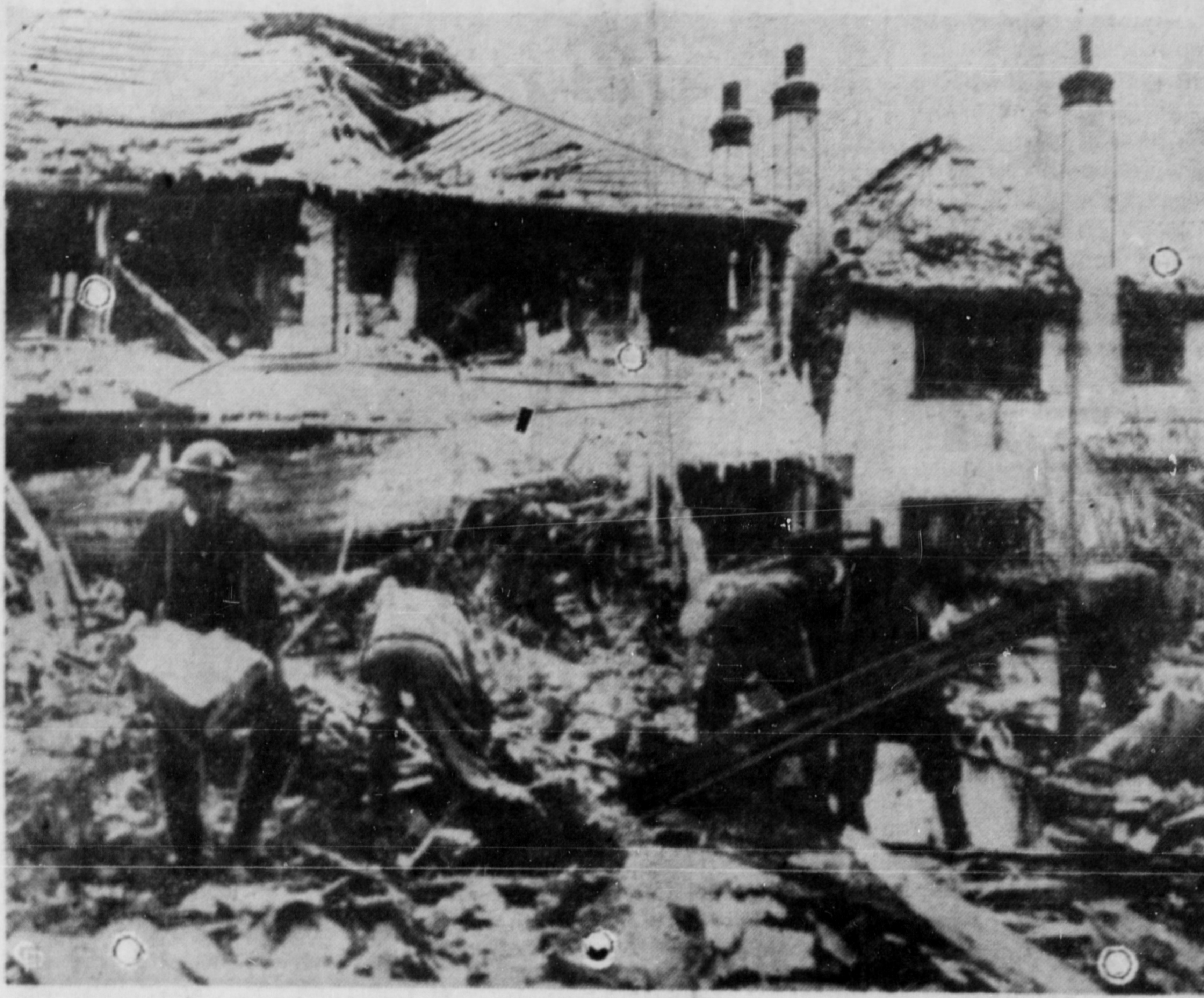
Berlin claimed that an important phase of the campaign had now been concluded and that encircled British, French and Belgian armies in Belgium and the northern corner of France were faced with surrender, annihilation or being driven into the sea. The Eiffel Tower, in Paris, though 60 miles away, could be sighted through powerful field glasses. In London a spokesman said that German claims of victories were greatly exaggerated. Nevertheless, the fall of the important cities of Amiens and Arras dampened the optimism and confidence which had been felt by press and public yesterday when it seemed that the Allies were definitely in the way of holding back the Germans and stemming the Nazi drive.

The resumption of the German drive today followed an evident breathing spell on Monday during which little progress was made as the French, with British aid, seemed to bolster up their resistance for the time being at least. Many fresh attacks of the Germans yesterday, it had been reported, were repulsed with the enemy leaving hundreds of dead in front of the French blockhouses. There has been no penetration of the Maginot Line proper. Indeed, there has been little, if any, attempt, it seems, to do so, the enemy effort being confined to widening the bulge which com-

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WHERE GERMAN BOMBER FELL WITH CARGO OF BOMBS



These wrecked houses are some of the 50 destroyed by explosion and fire when a German Heinkel bomber, loaded with bombs, fell at Clacton on the Essex coast. The mines were detonated by the impact of the crash. Three civilians were killed and more than 100 injured. The bombing plane was blown to bits and the four German fliers died.

CRUISER IS LOST

H. M. S. Effingham Strikes Rock Off Norway—Mine Layer Sunk By Mine

LONDON, May 21: (CP)—The 9550-ton British cruiser Effingham has been lost after striking a rock off the Norwegian coast, the Admiralty announced today. She became a total loss but all on board were saved. Sinking of the minelayer Princess Victoria by a mine with feared loss of two officers and thirty-one men is also reported.

Wheat Market Is Recovering

WINNIPEG, May 21: (CP)—Gains on outside markets boosted wheat futures more than two cents above newly fixed minimums on the Winnipeg exchange yesterday. Final quotations were 2 1/4c to 2 1/2c higher with May at 72 3/4c.

Britain And France Cannot Be Defeated Says Reynaud—Reveals Mistake In Battle

PARIS, May 21: (CP)—"I have told you the truth," Premier Paul Reynaud told the French Senate today. "These two great peoples (the French and the British) cannot be defeated. They cannot die. If I was told a miracle was needed to save France, then I believe in miracles because I believe in France."

Reynaud was speaking following his announcement to the Senate that the Germans had occupied Arras and Amiens this morning. Arras is fifty miles from the English Channel and Amiens, forty. Speaking of the German break-through, Reynaud said that bridges over the Meuse had not been blown up as a result of mistakes. He said that the Meuse had been wrongly considered a redoubtable obstacle for the enemy and that was why French divisions charged with defending it were few and stretched out. He said that the army of General Andre Korap at that point was not so well trained and had become disorganized. Reynaud said that no shortcomings would be tolerated.

Italo-Yugo Slav Border Now Closed

SKOPLJE, Yugoslavia, May 21: (CP)—The frontier between Yugoslavia and Italian-held Albania was closed today by Italian order.

Italian Schools Closing May 31

Children Get Holidays One Month Earlier Than Usual This Year

ROME, May 21: (CP)—Taken as another indication that Italy expects to be soon at war was the decree issued yesterday that Italian schools shall close this year on May 31 instead of June 30, the usual closing time.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Premier King, Hokere Reminds That Britons Have Won After Similarly Dark Hours

OTTAWA, May 21: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King asked the House of Commons today to remember "in this, probably one of the darkest hours in the history of Empire," the outlook was similarly dark in 1918 but Allied troops had rallied and won. The Prime Minister said that the situation in France was "more serious" and, after breaking through the highly fortified Allied line, the Germans were advancing down the Somme Valley, trying to divide the French and British armies in France and Belgium.

Halibut Sales

Summary American—112,000 pounds, 9.4c and 7.5c to 9.9c and 7.5c. Canadian—93,500 pounds, 9.4c and 7c to 9.8c and 7c. American Explorer, 34,000, 9.6c and 7.5c, Royal. Sitka, 40,000, 9.5c and 7.5c, Storage. Ionic, 16,000, 9.6c and 7.5c, Atlin. Aegir, 17,000, 9.9c and 7.5c, Storage. Lion I, 15,000, 9.4c and 7.5c, Pacific. Canadian Dove B., 20,000, 9.8c and 7c, Atlin. Kaien, 13,500, 9.6c and 7c, Edmunds & Walker. Atli, 14,000, 9.4c and 7c, Pacific. Peerless, 6,500, 9.4c and 7c, Booth. Delmar, 17,000, 9.4c and 7c, Storage. Essential, 5,500, 9.6c and 7c, Atlin. Lake Biwa, 7,500, 9.6c and 7c, Booth. P. K., 1,600, 9.6c and 7c, Booth. M. I., 2,200, 9.5c and 7c, Storage. Tugwell, 2,000, 9.5c and 7c, Storage. Rio Rita, 3,500, 9.5c and 7c, Storage.

BAR GOLD LONDON, (CP)—The Montreal price of bar gold on the London market was unchanged today at \$37.54 per fine ounce.

Premier King Reveals Plans For Bolstering Canada's War Effort

At Least \$700,000,000 Will Be Spent This Year for Fighting—Many Steps Being Taken to Aid Campaign Against Hitler

OTTAWA, May 21: (CP)—Canada's war effort will be speeded up through new governmental decisions ranging from the appointment of two additional cabinet ministers to the enlistment of a third division for overseas service. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King in Parliament last night announced acceleration of the war program. The Prime Minister informed Commons that the war would cost Canada at least \$700,000,000 in 1940-41—not \$500,000,000 as estimated three months ago. This means total expenditure this year of \$1,100,000,000 for all purposes or \$3,000,000 per day—\$2,000,000 for the war and \$1,000,000 ordinary.

ARMY BILL APPROVED

Roosevelt Preparedness Appropriation is Being Speedily Legislated

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21: (CP)—A \$1,820,000,000 army bill, unprecedented in peacetime, won quick approval yesterday on the United States Senate appropriations committee. The Senate debate started today and the bill may go to the House of Representatives by the middle of the week for consideration of Senate amendments. Adoption of every feasible method to accelerate the output of pilots and air crews from Canada. Conferring of special powers on the ministry of munitions to expedite provision of war supplies. Undertaking of the raising of a third division. Dispatch overseas sooner than had been at first contemplated of the second division. Formation of a Canadian Army Corps in the field. "Deeds and not words are what the people of Canada are now looking for," declared the Premier who referred to the importance of home defence. In connection with the proposed expansion of the production of arms, Mr. King said that the establishment of a munitions plant was being considered. Parliament will be asked to approve a new ministry of national defence for air, Mr. King announced. Hon. C. G. Power, at present Postmaster General, is appointed as the new minister for this department. There will probably also be a separate ministry of supply to relieve Hon. Clarence D. Howe, minister of transport, who is now handling it.

Bulletins

AGAINST "FIFTH COLUMN" The local Canadian Legion has communicated with the Dominion and Provincial Commands joining in the demand for effective action against "fifth column" activities and the control of enemy aliens as well as a general speeding up of war activities as far as Canada is concerned.

MRS. BELTON DIES VICTORIA—Mrs. Mabel Belton, aged 77, wife of Lieut. Col. W. H. Belton and sister of Sir Richard Lake, is dead at Deep Cove where she has resided for seventeen years.

ITALY ACCUSES BRITAIN ROME—Italy accuses Great Britain of continued persecution of Maltese nationalists in Malta where there is a strong Italian influence. Premier Benito Mussolini conferred yesterday with Marshal Badoglio, Italian chief of staff.

EIRE PREPARES DUBLIN—Certain classes of reservists and airmen of Eire are being called to the colors to strengthen defence forces.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A moderate depression is approaching the Queen Charlotte Islands from the west while the pressure is relatively high over the interior of British Columbia. The weather has been fair and warmer throughout this province. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh southeast winds, with increasing cloudiness and cooler with showers.

WAR OF FRIGHTFULNESS

PARIS, May 21: (CP)—Parachutists in such numbers as to constitute a veritable army have been drifting down behind the French lines with telling effect, military quarters disclosed today. Carrying incendiary and explosive materials plus regular arms they have attacked bridges, railroad stations and public buildings. A semi-official report said that the whole region behind "Cambrai" was being burned systematically by incendiary bombs.