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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Fresh southeast winds shifting to south Party cloudy and cooler with showers.

Tomorrow's Tides

High	2:02 a.m.	22.8 ft.
	14:58 p.m.	20.1 ft.
Low	8:44 a.m.	0.4 ft.
	20:51 p.m.	5.9 ft.

Allies Are Winning Again Today

Nationalization For England Return Of Arras To French Hands Followed By Chasing Nazi Guards From Abbeville

British Government Takes Over Control Labor and Wealth

Lightning Legislation Gives Authority to Conscript Persons, Services and Property of All People to Meet German Challenge

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—The British Parliament tonight invested the government with powers to conscript labor and wealth to strengthen the shield against German invasion. Within three hours the Houses of Commons and Lords had passed and the King had approved a bill giving the government sweeping emergency powers demanded "in view of the grave peril in which the nation stands."

Rt. Hon. Clement Atlee, Lord Privy Seal, introduced the bill conferring upon the government complete control of all persons and property and announced the formation of a committee to push munitions production. The legislation would require all persons to place themselves, their services and property at the disposal of His Majesty.

Atlee said the government was not seeking these powers in a panic but in full realization of the seriousness of the military situation and in determination to mobilize all resources to meet the German challenge.

Under the measure, the government is authorized to set up production councils controlling the manufacture of munitions, ships and aircraft and regulate mining and farming; to impose 100 per cent excess profits tax to prevent wartime profiteering; take over munitions factories; regulate other business and industry, wages and hours of labor and control the banks.

Premier And Chief Of Staff Call On King At Palace

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill and General Sir Edmund Ironsides visited King George at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Wheat Price Peg To Be Continued

Will Remain Pending Further Developments, Minister Of Trade Announces

OTTAWA, May 22: (CP)—Pegs will remain in Winnipeg wheat futures pending further developments, Hon. J. A. McKinnon, minister of trade and commerce, announced yesterday. Prices dropped 2c to 1 1/2c on the Winnipeg market yesterday but showed improvement today.

Rome Cut Off From Paris And London Today

ROME, May 22.—Telephone communications between Rome and Paris were interrupted this afternoon. Previously those between Rome and London were broken but no explanation of this action was given.

BALKANS RESTLESS

Russia Getting Ready To Move Should Germany And Italy Attempt Squeeze Play In Southeastern Europe

BUCHAREST, Roumania, May 22: (CP)—A general military staff order today called 300,000 Roumanian reservists to the colors within the next twenty-four hours. The order makes 2,000,000 men in active service in all branches. All army leaves are also cancelled. Some diplomats linked the move with Roumania's fears that the Soviet may soon march into Bessarabia.

Meanwhile the Daily Mirror in London reported that thirty Russian divisions were pouring toward the Hungarian-German frontier where thousands of other troops would spring into action should Germany allow Hungary to move into Slovakia while Italy was moving into Jugoslavia.

All JugoSlavs in Roumania have been ordered to rush home in response to what amounts to general mobilization in Jugoslavia.

SITUATION IN FRANCE

What Paris Spokesman Had To Say Last Night

PARIS, May 22: (CP)—Summarizing the situation last night following German advances of the day, a French war ministry official said that German forces of 3000 to 4000 men had pierced the Allied lines to take Amiens and Arras but the front was "completely confused" with French forces still holding Cambrai behind German advance positions.

The spokesman said that he did not think Abbeville itself had been taken but he could not confirm this opinion. Earlier it had been stated that German motorcycle troops had penetrated the outskirts of the Abbeville region. Abbeville is on the estuary of the Somme River, twelve miles from the English Channel and about twenty-five miles west of Arras and Amiens which Premier Paul Reynaud said were in German hands.

The French were continuing to repulse Nazi attacks at Cambrai and Rethel despite their withering mechanized fury.

LONDON SILVER
LONDON, May 22:—Silver was trading on the London market yesterday at 22 1/2 pence.

SPEED ON DEFENCES

Minister Elaborates On Intensification Of War Effort—Two New Destroyers Being Built

OTTAWA, May 22: (CP)—Important announcements in connection with Canadian defence measures in the Empire crisis were made yesterday by Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of national defence, in speaking before the House of Commons yesterday following his trip to England.

A further contingent of troop reinforcements to the First Canadian Division has just arrived in England, Mr. Rogers said. Although he said that the Second Division was not being dispatched overseas immediately, he told of arrangements for recruiting reinforcements for it and for the Third Division.

A message of thanks from London for Canada's intimation of speeding up the war effort had been received, Mr. Rogers said.

The minister of national defence revealed that two Canadian battalions—Princess Patricia's Light Infantry and the Edmonton Regiment—had been on the way to Norway recently when it was decided to withdraw from there.

Mr. Rogers announced that orders had been placed in England for two new destroyers of the Tribal class for the Royal Canadian Navy. Scores of smaller vessels, including sub chasers and mine sweepers were under construction in Canadian shipyards.

AIR FORCE VERY BUSY

British Fliers Keep on Harassing German Communications and Troop Concentrations

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—The British Air Ministry announced last night that British bombers had been "continuously engaged" over Belgian-French fronts throughout the day. Forays had been made especially on German armored columns and troop concentrations. Five bombers had failed to return. Communication lines had also been heavily bombed. A raid on oil tanks in Rotterdam, Holland, had been in addition to other activities and at Aachen, across from Aix-la-Chapelle, many Messerschmidts had been destroyed on the ground.

RECAPTURE OF ARRAS GIVES ALLIES HEART IN COMBATTING NAZIS

May Signalize Commencement of Anticipated Great Counter-Offensive—General Weygand Completes Tour of Front

PARIS, May 22: (CP)—Recapture by the Allies, after hard fighting, of Arras, important key city on the way to Calais, gave new heart to the hardpressed British, French and Belgian fighting forces and was regarded as a definite set-back in the Nazi drive toward the coast, possibly signaling the commencement of a mass Allied counter-offensive. A surge of relief, tempered with caution and the realization that many hard tasks lie ahead swept Paris as the news reached the French capital of the recapture of Arras. The tendency toward hopelessness, which was felt since the week-end when there was realization that the Allies were really making a war on.

NEW YORK COPPER
NEW YORK, May 22:—Copper was 25 to 27 lower on the New York metal market yesterday with September closing at 9.96c per ounce. Domestic copper was unchanged at 11 1/2c.

Bulletins

MOSCOW BACKS OUT
MOSCOW—It is officially announced that Moscow has declined to negotiate further with Great Britain on a trade agreement. Russia refuses the British condition to restrict its trade with Germany. A mission is expected here from London and it is said that former Premier David Lloyd-George may be one of its number.

EXPLOSION AT ARSENAL
LONDON—One man was reported injured in a slight explosion at Woolwich arsenal.

SHORT SELLING BANNED
TORONTO—Short selling on Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver stock exchanges was banned today until further notice.

CONSTABLE SLAIN
PARKLAND, Alta.—Constable F. G. F. Counsell of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was shot in the head and killed when he and others raided the barricaded home of Charles Hansen, wanted for wounding Sgt. G. G. G. last night. Hansen fired from the attic when police broke in after hearing screams. The police withdrew to plan a new attack and later found Hansen had killed himself.

WOULD VIOLATE NEUTRALITY
WASHINGTON—By a vote of 12 to 1 the Senate foreign relations committee today shelved a proposal that the United States sell the Allies army and navy planes. Chairman Key Pittman said the general opinion was that such legislation would violate international law and constitute intervention by the United States. There is, of course, nothing to prevent the sale of ordered planes to the Allies.

Communists In Demonstration

Reds Are Opposed To United States Becoming Involved In European War

NEW YORK, May 22:—Fifteen hundred Communists demonstrated in Times Square yesterday against United States becoming involved in war in Europe.

FRANCE TO GET PEACE?

Bucharest And Belgrade Seethe With Rumors That Germany Will Make Offer

BUDAPEST, May 22:—Budapest and Belgrade seethed with rumors yesterday that Germany is about to offer a separate peace to France, continuing the war against Great Britain.

REFUGEES FROM WAR

American Red Cross Estimates Number At Five Million—In Dire Straits

NEW YORK, May 22: (CP)—The American Red Cross Society estimates five million people to be refugees in flight in Belgium and France before the Nazi invasion. This is announced by Norman H. Davis, president of the American Red Cross. These people are homeless and without food. Many are sick. Some are injured.

No Undue Profits In Defence Work

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22:—Neither capital or labor will profit excessively from the execution of the billion dollar United States defence program, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave assurance last night. The President also expressed confidence that in view of the crisis there would be no labor difficulties.

FINANCING WAR COST

First Taxation And Then Borrowing, Says Ralston—Conservatives Would Vote Any Amount

OTTAWA, May 22: (CP)—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of finance, told Parliament yesterday that Canada's war effort would be limited only by its capacity to provide it. Col. Ralston denied reports that the intention was to finance the war effort by financing. Taxation would be the first method of financing, the minister of finance said. Then borrowing would be resorted to.

Dr. H. A. Bruce, Toronto Conservative member, said his party would vote any amount for the war effort so long as factories got to work without delay in turning out war requirements. It had needed a rude awakening like that of the past few days to bring Canada to realization that there really was a war on.

Aircraft Plants To Work Twenty Four Hours Day

LONDON, May 22:—Lord Beaverbrook, minister for aircraft production, has placed the airplane industry of the United Kingdom on a twenty-four hour basis.

General Weygand, After Visit to Front, Says He is Full of Confidence—Looks Like Enemy Will Be Stopped On North Bank of Somme

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—Swift Allied counter blows on land and in the air against the German mechanized forces in the Abbeville region have averted for the present completion of the threatened Nazi line to the English Channel, which would pen in the British army, a spokesman declared tonight.

At Paris a War Ministry spokesman told the press there had been hardly any change along the front in the last 48 hours and General Weygand is "really satisfied" with the situation.

A British spokesman said the Allied military position shows a slight improvement for the first time after five days. The Royal Air Force is still making large scale bombing attacks.

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—Great Britain's hopes of stemming the German march to the sea rose with reports today of new Royal Air Force successes and the slowing down of the German drive. Cheering developments were the French recapture of Arras which the enemy had taken yesterday and widespread attack on targets in the industrial Rhineland area by Royal Air Force bombers which also attacked German communication lines.

At Paris Premier Paul Reynaud said "if we can hold out for a month we shall be three-quarters on the way to victory." The recapture of Arras, he suggested, was but one small phase of the Allied counter-offensive against the Nazi advance.

General Maxime Weygand, the new Allied commander-in-chief, after a lightning visit to the front, said he was full of confidence providing everyone did his duty.

At Paris a military spokesman disclosed that the French had destroyed all bridges across the Somme River and the Germans would have to bring up heavier forces to attempt a crossing. This spokesman also declared that German advance guards had been chased out of Abbeville which they had entered yesterday.

SUCCESS AT SEA
LONDON — An authoritative naval source said that five German transport and supply ships had been successfully attacked in the last ten days and a German attempt to cut British sea communications had been checked.

INTERNING OF ENEMY

Prince George Veterans Would Confine Aliens All Over Country

PRINCE GEORGE, May 22: (CP)—The Prince George unit of the Army and Navy veterans of Canada is asking the Dominion government to immediately intern enemy aliens in all parts of Canada.

Would Combat Fifth Column

Manitoba Government Urges Formation Of Home Defence Force In Canada

WINNIPEG, May 22: (CP)—Hon. W. J. Major, Attorney General of Manitoba, announces that the provincial government of Manitoba is urging the Dominion government to establish a Home Defence Force to guard against fifth column activities. A speeding up of the Canadian war effort is also urged.

NEW YORK WHEAT
NEW YORK, May 22:—Wheat prices were 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c lower yesterday with September closing at 82 1/2c. Prices were upward today.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnstone returned home on the Prince Rupert this morning from a trip to Vancouver, Calgary and other points.

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