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Tomorrow's Tides

High 4:10 a.m. 19.1 ft.
17:24 p.m. 18.0 ft.
Low 10:50 a.m. 4.0 ft.
23:14 p.m. 8.3 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, part cloudy and cool with showers.

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Situation By No Means Hopeless

Co-ordinated Effort Can Still Retrieve Position Of Allies In Great Battle Waging In France

Bottle-Neck Has Been Narrowed From Thirty-Five to Twenty Miles As Main French Army Drives to Liberate Entrapped Forces in Flanders

LONDON, May 25: (CP)—Military sources declared today that a "co-ordinated Allied effort still can retrieve the situation" of the French, British and Belgium armies in France and Belgium which the Nazis claim to have trapped. "It should be remembered that the form of warfare employed by the Germans has weaknesses as well as strengths. There is no reason for loss of confidence."

The French High Command has made a special request that no mention be made of troop movements or of places where action is in progress.

The French fought today to further narrow the twenty mile gap in the Allied lines north of the Somme but German motorized troops are reported to be still moving through the French breach toward the Channel.

French troops in the Channel region, according to a military spokesman, are fighting off the German advance guards and have checked the Nazi advance on the western region.

The Peronne-Bapaume breach yesterday was thirty to thirty-five miles wide but the French in the last twenty-four hours have cut the distance to twenty miles.

The spokesman said that fighting also continues in the regions of Abbeville and Boulogne. He said the whole front is without "damp" south of Sedan where fighting is progressing favorably in a wooded section, the French having recovered all ground lost to the Germans.

While the main body of the French to the south drove north from the Somme to cut the German "bottleneck," Allied troops in Belgium hammered at the Nazi flank in the vicinity of Cambrai.

Neither London nor Paris condemned German High Command tactics that Vimy Ridge, the scene of Canada's greatest victory in the last war and the site of Canada's war memorial, was in the possession of the enemy although it would appear probable that it is.

Reports from Basel, Switzerland, said that French Army engineers had blown up scores of locks on the Rhine-Rhone Canal, flooding hundreds of square miles of territory on the French side of the Rhine. It was believed that this strengthened the Maginot Line in the sector, freeing thousands of soldiers for duty in the north.

Heavy artillery exchanges between the Maginot and Siegfried lines on the eastern extremity were reported today.

Driving Upon Fifth Column

Voluntarism Information In Hands Of United States Attorney General

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25:—The United States government is speeding up its drive against "fifth column" activities in this country. In his press conference yesterday, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that Attorney General Jackson had voluminous information in regard to subversive activities, much of this having been brought to light by the investigation by the Dies committee on un-American activities.

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War News

FIFTEEN GENERALS "FIRED"
PARIS—Fifteen French generals were relieved of their commands co-incidentally with the appointment of General Maxime Weygand as commander-in-chief, it was disclosed tonight by Premier Reynaud's office. Names of the dismissed generals were not revealed. German forces have not yet reached Calais, a military spokesman said tonight, adding that "The Battle of Flanders" had only just begun. The situation at Boulogne was described as "uncertain" with heavy fighting proceeding.

HEAVY NAZI LOSSES
PARIS—A Paris statement last night estimated that, since the Germans invaded Holland and Belgium, the enemy have suffered 100,000 to 150,000 killed, 300,000 to 400,000 wounded with 1500 planes and 1500 tanks lost.

BOMBARDED NARVIK
NARVIK—With German aircraft and British naval forces both being reinforced, there has been increased activity around Narvik with further bombardment of the port.

CHURCHILL GLOOMY
LONDON—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a letter to the Trades Union executive council meeting today, said the "gravity of the situation deepens hour by hour." He said: "The country's needs are imperative, inescapable and imperious and we shall pay dearly if we fail to meet them."

ITALIAN SAILINGS DEFERRED
GENOA—Some significance was attached today to the announcement from headquarters of Italian steamship lines that the scheduled sailing of the liner Rex for New York had been postponed from May 29 to June 12. Other sailings of Italian liners are also reported to have been postponed including that of the Augustus for New York and the Neptunia for South America. No reasons were given but there were widespread reports that the new dates had little connection with Italy's relation to the war.

ESTIMATES CUT DOWN

Ordinary Expenditures Of Federal Government Are Reduced This Year Owing To War

OTTAWA, May 25: (CP)—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of finance, tabled ordinary estimates for the coming year in Parliament late Saturday. They total \$448,000,000 or \$77,000,000 less than last year and are in addition to the \$700,000,000 war estimates. Col. Ralston said that little new in the way of public works would be undertaken this year and there would be closing down of some projects now under way. The minister hoped that the people would accept this situation in view of war exigencies.

Old Country Soccer

English War Cup, Fourth Round
Fulham 5, Everton 2.
Blackburn 2, West Bromwich Albion 1.
Blackpool 0, Newcastle 2.
West Ham 4, Birmingham 2.
Glasgow Charity Cup, Semi Final
Queens Park 2, Clyde 2.

Gunner F. X. Parlett of the 102nd Battery left on last evening's train for a trip to Toronto on leave.

TIGHTEN UP HOME FRONT

Organization Against Parachute Troops and Fifth Columnists Being Perfected

More Arrests

Reported That Parachutists Have Already Been Landing in Dublin

LONDON, May 25: (CP)—The War Office today called for eighteen-year-old volunteers to strengthen home defence forces against the possibility of invasion by Germany. They will be placed in permanent battalions, distinct from part-time "parashooters." Meantime the widespread drive against "fifth columnists" continues. A spokesman said today that the menace of the enemy within was so serious that it was almost as dangerous as the Germans across the Channel.

On Great Britain's home front Captain Franz von Rintelen, noted for his German espionage activities during the last war and in recent years a resident of England because of supposed objections to the Nazis, was detained by authorities guarding against the fifth columnists. The police arrested five more members of Mosley's British Union while the Home Office forbade a Communist party meeting. One of the men arrested outside of the British Union headquarters had a parcel containing a British Army uniform. Another had subversive documents. A United States embassy official is also reported being held. Sixty-seven members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army have been arrested in Northern Ireland. In Eire a nation-wide drive against "fifth columnists" had been started. It is reported that at least one German parachutist group landed recently in Eire.

Halibut Sales

Summary
American—219,500 pounds, 9c and 7.5c to 9.3c and 7.5c.
Canadian—118,900 pounds, 9c and 7c and 9.1c and 7c.

American
McKinley, 40,000, 9c and 7.5c, Royal.
Eagle, 40,000, 9c and 7.5c, Storage.
Kanaga, 40,000, 9c and 7.5c, Storage.
Arthur H., 40,000, 9.3c and 7.5c, Booth.
Doric, 40,000, 9c and 7.5c, Storage.
Mary R., 7,500, 9.3c and 7.5c, Pacific.
Eureka, 12,000, 9.3c and 7.5c, Pacific.

Canadian
Lois N., 10,000, 9c and 7c, Booth.
Annabelle, 6,000, 9.1c and 7c, Atlin.
Tramp, 17,500, 9.1c and 7c, Storage.
Ingrid H., 11,000, 9.1c and 7c, Atlin.
Selita, 9,000, 9c and 7c, Storage.
Charmine C., 19,500, 9c and 7c, Edmunds & Walker.
Southend, 17,500, 9.2c and 7c, Atlin.
Toodie, 11,500, 9.1c and 7c, Storage.
E. T., 2,100, 9c and 7c, Storage.
Blue Boy, 7,000, 9c and 7c, Edmunds & Walker.
Cynic, 6,000, 9c and 7c, Storage.
T. M. I., 1,800, 9c and 7c, Atlin.

Bulletins

KING SPEAKS

LONDON—In an Empire Day radio broadcast King George warned the United States and the rest of the world that Germany was seeking complete and final overthrow of the British Empire and world domination for itself. The King declared that the issue was one "of life and death for us all." He said that defeat would mean destruction of our world "as we know it" and descent of darkness upon its ruins. It would be a triumph for dishonor and brute force over honesty and justice. The King's voice was touched with emotion at some points as he spoke. He urged Britons everywhere to keep their resolve unshaken.

VETERAN'S HOME GUARD

OTTAWA—Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of National Defence, announced that a force of ex-service men to be known as the "Veterans Home Guard" for protection of military property and "any other purpose that may be found necessary" would be established immediately. They will be uniformed and armed as a military force under command of officers who were veterans of the last war. The force will consist of twelve companies of 250 each located in each of the military districts, to be enlarged if necessary.

EARTHQUAKE IN URU

LIMA—Two slight earth tremors brought new panic to this section of Peru early today but added little destruction and apparently no new casualties to 249 dead and more than 3000 injured in yesterday's quake.

KILLED IN AIR CRASH

TRENTON, Ont.—Flight Lieutenant H. R. McBurney, 23, Saskatoon, was killed and Sergeant-Pilot Al Cheesman of Port Arthur, suffered minor injuries last night when a Royal Canadian Air Force plane, in which they were landing, nose-dived into the ground. McBurney was at the controls. Cheesman was a member of Sir Hubert Wilkin's 1938 Arctic search for six missing Russian aviators including Sigismund Levanevsky.

APPEASING ITALY

NEW YORK—It was reported in New York last night that Prime Minister Winston Churchill had exchanged messages with Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy with a view to clarifying his position in regard to the war and his intentions in regard to same. Diplomatic quarters suggest that France and Great Britain have opened negotiations with Rome for relaxation of the Allied blockade in the Mediterranean.

FRENCH STILL DRIVING COUNTER OFFENSIVE TO SEVER NAZI SPEARHEAD

Capture of Boulogne and Calais Claimed By Germans But Questioned by Paris—Progress of Fighting During Past Two Years

BRITISH COAST RAIDED

The general war picture appeared not a great deal changed today. The French claimed that Boulogne and Calais, important channel ports, were still in French hands although the Germans claimed they had taken Boulogne and had encircled Calais. British naval and aerial forces have been active in connection with the defence of the Channel ports. In north central France the counter-offensive with a view to breaking the German bottle-neck to the Channel is being continued with further fierce fighting. The British Royal Air Force claims to have brought down thirty-one German planes yesterday with less than one-third of that number of losses itself. In an air raid on coast town of North Riding Yorkshire eight persons were injured. There were also air raids on East Anglia and Essex coast but no civilians were injured. Little, if any damage, was done in the raids.

PARIS, May 25: (CP)—A military spokesman last night said that the Allied armies had caught German columns in an artillery crossfire yesterday in a new effort to cut the Reich army's corridor to the sea and turn the tide of battle for the English Channel. Massed infantry also weighed down on the German salient, pressing south from

Air Training Schools For United States

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 25:—Air training schools for college students from 18 to 25 years of age will be opened in United States in connection with the plan to provide the personnel of the government's plan to provide an air force of 50,000 planes for this country.

The defence had "got away" it was said. German sources said their channel vanguard had passed Boulogne heading for Calais to the northeast. Late yesterday Berlin failed to confirm a report that Calais had been captured. British military authorities admitted that the situation was still very grave. Meantime, the French continued their counter-offensive in the Cambrai and Amiens sector against what Paris described as increased German pressure, particularly south of Sedan and in the Somme. The situation at Amiens, where the Allies have been driving with a view to liberating ringed-in forces in northeastern France and Belgium, numbering 23 divisions or 500,000 men including the British Expeditionary Force, and also bottling up the German advance to the coast, was somewhat in doubt.

Thursday night it had been reported that the main French forces, in their slashing thrust northward, had reduced the distance separating it from the trapped armies to thirty miles, through which corridor German motorized divisions have been pressing. General Lord Gort, British commander-in-chief in the field, and King Leopold of Belgium are still in the field with the northern armies. A French communique covering Thursday's action, said there had been many combats in Northern France. "We have advanced in the Cambrai sector and the new enemy attack on the Aisne has failed," the communique then said.

Earlier yesterday in London it was reported by authoritative sources the Germans captured the strategic French Channel port of Boulogne, The British forces which had been assisting the French in

Frank Morris sailed Thursday night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver. Mrs. Morris is already in the south.

REDEMPTION OF CORSICA

Rome Issues Manifesto to People of That French Insular Department

ROME, May 25: (CP)—Petru Giovacchini, chief of Corsica's irredentists, issued a manifesto today to "Corsican brothers living under oppression" in that French insular department saying that the "moment of redemption is near."

IS ENVOY TO SPAIN

Sir Samuel Hoare Is Being Sent To Madrid On "Special Mission"

LONDON, May 25: (CP)—Sir Samuel Hoare has been appointed British ambassador to Madrid on a "special mission." This "special mission" will, it is believed by observers, have especially to do with Spain's possible relation to the European war.

BURIED AT ESQUIMALT

Full Naval Honors Are Accorded Late Nels Amoth of Prince Rupert

Full naval honors were accorded the late Nils Amoth of Prince Rupert whose funeral took place at Esquimalt where he passed away suddenly recently while on naval duty. Rev. Arthur Bischoffberger, R.C.N. naval chaplain, officiated and officers and men of the Fishermen's Naval Reserve, of which deceased was a member, were the principal mourners.

The casket was covered with a white ensign and was taken from the funeral chapel to naval cemetery at Esquimalt on a gun carriage drawn by young naval men. At the end of the service a firing party fired three volleys and Bugler Able Seaman Short sounded "The Last Post" as the remains were lowered to the final resting place.

Pallbearers, all from H.M.C.S. Naden, were J. L. Smith, J. Greenhalgh, R. Bradley, P. B. Ellerton, C. McMullin and A. McAlpine.

There were floral offerings, among others, from the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wingham, Mr. and Mrs. Gliske, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ivarson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Landeth, Miss Anna Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Hveding, Ray and Louise, H.M.C.S. Naden ship's company, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Stegavik, Commanding Officer and Officers of Pacific Coast H.M.C.S. Dockyard, Commander and Mrs. C. D. Donald, Officers of Naval Headquarters staff, Prince Rupert, Commanding Officers, Officers and ratings of auxiliary vessels, Henry and Auslag.

Mr. Amoth's death was very sudden. He had complained of pains in the chest and was moved to the dockyard sick bay. He expired in the presence of sick berth attendants before a doctor could be summoned. Cause of death was a pancreatic condition.

The late Mr. Amoth, who is survived by a widow and family in Prince Rupert, would have been 55 years of age had he lived until September 19. In the First Great War he enlisted from Digby, Nova Scotia, and served in France with the Eighty-Fifth Battalion (Highlanders) Canadian Expeditionary Force, being discharged as medically unfit for further service. He had attained the rank of corporal and was a machine gunner.

Sergeant C. C. Jacklin, chief of city police, sailed Thursday night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver and Victoria.