

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh northwest winds, mostly fair with not much change in temperature.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 12:21 a.m. 18.3 ft. Low 6:22 a.m. 4.8 ft. 18:24 p.m. 6.4 ft.

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Norwegians Are Now Reported To Still Be Fighting; Forces Are Moving Elsewhere

NAVAL BASE AT NARVIK STOCKHOLM, May 4: (CP)—Great Britain will continue fighting for Norway "with greatest vigor," an authoritative source emphasized today. "The distance from German air bases of operational area around Narvik will undoubtedly prove to be in our favor," it was said. Well informed British quarters indicated Allied efforts in Norway would be concentrated in building a powerful naval base in Narvik region. German forces are reported to have entered Namsos.

LONDON, May 4: (CP)—Rumors that he had fled the country being dubbed false, King Haakon of Norway reported to have left an undisclosed Norwegian port on a British warship with British troops for the northern part of Norway. The War Office said that the commander-in-chief of the Norwegian army, his staff and a considerable number of Norwegian troops had also embarked on British warships and transports during the Trondheim withdrawal from other parts of Norway which, for various military reasons, were not disclosed although speculation is that they might be going to the Narvik area. German forces are reported to have entered Namsos.

There is no confirmation of yesterday's reports that Norway is preparing to negotiate a truce with Germany. These reports may have arisen from a local surrender or may be entirely German propaganda. King Haakon is reported to have repudiated previous statements that he would continue to fight against German invasion as long as an inch of his country is left. He has issued orders of refuge in England and Sweden.

Meanwhile continued resistance of the Norwegians was reported today by report of a stunning defeat having been inflicted on the Germans thirty miles north of Trondheim, many Nazis being captured and much fighting material being taken.

Warship Reported Sunk British authorities declined to comment on an official announcement of the German high command that a British battleship of the 30,000-ton class had been sunk off Namsos, the suggestion being offered that it might only be a mine. Three thousand men may have lost their lives in the sinking, according to the German claim, the ship going down rapidly after the deck armor was said by the Germans to have been pierced by heavy bomb hits, the fatal blow being between the two forward turrets which set the vessel on fire. The complement of the warship was more than 1100 men. The battleship is said to have been of the Queen Elizabeth class. The Germans claim the sinking took place yesterday, the bomb from the dive plane apparently striking a magazine.

The Germans also claimed to have sunk a British submarine as well as two British freighters laden with cargoes.

Well informed British sources tonight described German claims to sinking a British battleship and other war vessels by air bombers as "of fantastic character" to which the public is fast becoming accustomed.

Chancellor Goering was reported to have excitedly told the German air force had once and for all demonstrated its superiority over the British navy and what had been done in the snowswept and stormy Norwegian area could be more readily repeated in the Mediterranean. In their retreat from Trondheim area, described in Berlin as "pell mell" over levelled docks, the British were said to have left behind heavy artillery and motorized equipment.

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Bulletins

ITALIAN DEMANDS ROME—Premier Benito Mussolini is reported to have conveyed through United States Ambassador William Phillips to Great Britain and France his requirements to keep peace in the Mediterranean. While it has not been stated, it is supposed that these are the same requirements as reported last week including demilitarization of Gibraltar, Malta, Corsica and Suez as well as other demands. These demands have a ready been scorned by both Great Britain and France. Italian official quarters seem disposed to feel that there is no immediate likelihood of a break.

KEEP SWEDEN NEUTRAL MOSCOW—Tass news agency reported today that Russia and Germany had agreed that it was to their "common interest" to keep Sweden out of war and in its present state of neutrality. As a result of a conference in Moscow this had been decided upon under the non-aggression pact existing between the Soviet and the Reich. That a démarche had been sent by Russia to Germany demanding that Swedish neutrality be respected did not "correspond with the truth," Soviet officials declared.

INVESTIGATE SHOOTING VICTORIA—Provincial police are investigating the shooting of a man named Henry Wilson at Clearwater River on the line of the Canadian National Railway between Kamloops and Blue River. There are no details.

BUDDY BAER WINS NEW YORK—Buddy Baer won a seventh round technical knockout over Nathan Mann of New Haven in a scheduled fifteen round heavyweight bout in Madison Square Garden last night. After having led the early part of the fight, Mann took two nine counts in the seventh.

SAIL WITH REFUGEES GENOA—The Italian liner Roma and the United States steamer Manhattan left Genoa yesterday for New York with American refugees from German-occupied northern countries.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED PARIS—Fifty-seven arrests were made yesterday in a new French drive against Communists.

WORK FOR GREEKS ATHENS—Premier John Metaxas announces that France is giving work to thousands of Greeks in French munitions factories.

DOUBLE MURDER SHAUNAVON, Saskatchewan—Two Chinese were knifed to death in the Grand Hotel here last night during a fracas. Two others were injured and Jack Toy was arrested for questioning.

Girl Guides 30th Annual

TORONTO, May 4: (CP)—Annual meeting of the Canadian Council of the Girl Guides Association and the Dominion Commissioners' Conference will be held at the Royal York Hotel Toronto, May 20-21.

The program will include a special dinner in honor of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Guide movement in Canada. Several outstanding speakers will give talks during the two-day conference on subjects related to the work of the Association.

Capt. R. A. Pilkington of the Irish Fusiliers returned to the city on the Princess Adelaide yesterday afternoon from Vancouver where he spent a two weeks' furlough at his home.

GAS NOW ON MOVE

Normal Supply Is Resumed Following Settlement Of Dispute Between Government And Oil Companies

VICTORIA, May 4: (CP)—Gas-laden trucks were rolling through-out British Columbia yesterday to replenish empty service station pumps following the reaching of an agreement which ended the week long gas famine in the province. Under the settlement of the dispute with the oil companies, as announced by Premier T. D. Pattullo, gasoline retails at 25-27c per gallon basic rate in Vancouver. The wholesale basic price is 21-23c. The new price is set by Order No. 11 of the fuel control board which will stand until the board decides a new order is necessary.

The Premier confirms that the special session of the Legislature will be held as planned on May 8 to consider "further legislation in the public interest." A bill giving the government wide powers to deal with such situations as the recent gas impasse is understood to have already been drafted. The measure will, it is said, empower the government to go into oil refining and distribution business.

TRAITORS ARRESTED

Holland Cleaning up on "Fifth Brigade"—Twenty Citizens, Including Parliamentarian, Interned

THE HAGUE, May 4: (CP)—Premier Derk Jan De Geer told the nation in a broadcast today that twenty-one persons "who had endangered the security" of the Netherlands had been arrested and interned during the night. One of those arrested was M. M. Rost van Tonnigen, Nazi Member of Parliament and editor of the newspaper National Dagblad.

The arrests took place after an investigation of alleged "Fifth Column" activities in Holland. All were Dutch citizens described as "former agents" and having direct connection with foreign powers.

None of those arrested were foreigners and the Premier said that the investigation had been directed against no particular political movement.

De Geer declared that Holland was determined to maintain its independence and strict neutrality and would resist any incursions upon same.

Britain Again Faced With Raising Continental Army; More Favorable This Time

GENERAL SIR HUGH ELLES K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.

For the second time in a generation we are faced with the task of raising an army on the Continental Scale, and that means, in one way and another, we are faced with a larger or smaller degree of expansion of existing resources, or the creation of new resources; it means not only the raising and training of men but the building up of factories and industrial processes which can supply the necessities of war.

All these things require time and somehow or other the time has to be gained. In 1914, we had to fight for time. You know the story of how the old Expeditionary Force, reinforced as time went on by Regular Troops from overseas and by some splendid Territorial Battalions formed the wall behind which the Territorials were expanded, the Dominion forces were formed and the New Armies were assembled. The old Army had to fight hard and by the spring of 1915 there were not many left of those who had formed its original members. It is indeed true to say that the New Armies never saw the old.

Today the position is quite different. The Regular Army, albeit smaller, is intact. The Citizen Armies at home and in the Dominions are forming behind the wall of the French frontier defences.

Back To 1914 I go back again to 1914. You must remember that in those days, until a much later period in the War, there was no such things as Conscriptio and the Citizen Armies were formed entirely upon a voluntary basis. There was a Territorial Force which was considerably below strength and which had to be made up both in officers and men, but it was very early in the day that Lord Kitchener, who, with his uncanny flair, was convinced, against all contemporary opinion at home and on the Continent, that the war would be a long one, and he startled the country by coming down to the House of Lords and demanding an increase for the Regular Army of five hundred thousand men; eighteen divisions of new armies were very rapidly started, and there was an immediate rush to the colors of some of the finest flower of the nation. But they were formed on nothing at all. Such officers as could be collected, a few old non-commissioned officers—there was no accommodation—there was nothing but an enthusiasm and goodwill. One hears of the battery that was raised and trained by a retired Major of Volunteers and a Band Sergeant.

The infantry drilled and marched in bowler hats with walking sticks for weeks and months. But, the wonder was performed and it is a fact that fourteen months after the declaration of war, no fewer than seventeen out of these eighteen divisions had left this country for overseas. Some people would call that "muddling through." I should prefer to say that it was a "Miracle of Improvisation."

But miracle or no, the process had very grave defects. To begin with, there was no selection of the men themselves and a very large number of square pegs inevitably got into round holes, and there enlisted in the ranks a very high proportion of potential officers, a very large number of skilled mechanics, of specialists whose services would have been far more valuable to the State in other capacities. It was an expensive and wasteful process and finally it put the strain far too great on the resources of Staff Officers and Commanders that were at our disposal. All the time that the new armies were being formed a parallel effort was being made with the Territorial Force and all the time the old army was fighting for its life out in Flanders.

Orderly Effort Today our effort is being made on lines which one may describe (Continued on Page Four)

HUGE FLEET ASSEMBLED

Enormous Naval Concentration In Eastern Mediterranean As French And British Watch Italy

ALEXANDRIA, May 4: — The great Anglo-French fleet assembled off Alexandria as far as the eyes can see and beyond has been further augmented, making the greatest concentration of naval might ever gathered together in Mediterranean waters. There are battleships, cruisers, destroyers, submarines and all other manner of fighting craft. In Egypt coastal and anti-aircraft guns are ready for action in any emergency. With the guns manned all Egyptian Army leaves have also been cancelled.

Meanwhile from Rome it is reported that Italy has taken further precautionary moves while in Berlin it was said that Hitler was ready to strike in retaliation should the Allies essay a naval blow upon Greece such as a move on Salonika.

Nation Honors Great Artists

Canada Pays Tribute to Opera Singer and Sculptor

OTAWA, May 4: (CP)—Canada has paid tribute to two of her outstanding artists, Madame Albani and Louis Philippe Hebert with erection since their deaths of bronze tablets at their birthplaces. Madame Albani, who was Marie Louis Emma Lafajnesse Gye in private life, was born at Chambly, Que., November 1, 1847, educated there at the convent of the Sacred Heart and later studied singing at Paris and Milan.

Using the name "Albani" she made her operatic debut in Messina, Sicily, in 1870. Her success there led to engagements in Florence, London and Paris.

A command to sing at Windsor Castle in 1874 brought her to the attention of Queen Victoria. Madame Albani died in London May 3, 1930, and the bronze tablet was erected in the garden of her birthplace at Chambly September 14, 1939.

Hebert, sculptor and designer of monuments, was born January 27, 1850, at Sainte-Sophie d'Halifax, Que. He studied art in Montreal and France and was elected a member of the Royal Canadian Academy in 1883. He died at Westmount, Que., on June 13, 1917.

TURKEY NERVOUS

ISTANBUL — Turkey is still restless over the explosive Mediterranean situation. A Turkish trade mission which was going to Roumania has cancelled the trip and returns from here to Ankara. German Ambassador Franz von Papen has been called home to Berlin.

War News

AIR BATTLE HEARD LONDON—Heavy gunfire was heard off the southeast coast of England last night after a flight of German planes had been seen. British fighters took off in pursuit of what were believed to be German mine-sowing planes. The flashing of shells could be seen. There were also German flights last night off the northeast coast.

BATTLE AT BORKUM LONDON—A British plane returned yesterday from the Island of Borkum after engaging in battle with three German planes, bringing down one. The British plane returned home in spite of the fact that she was in a damaged condition and that one of the crew had been killed.

BITTER ACCUSATIONS LONDON—Bitter accusations have been made in the British, Norwegian and Swedish press as to the Allied campaign in Norway. It may lead to a general election, some political observers believe, with Clement Attlee, Labor leader, mentioned as possibly emerging as the new Prime Minister in a coalition government. As far as Swedish criticism is concerned, a British spokesman said that, had Sweden done one-tenth as much for Norway as did the Allies, Norway might not have been in its present plight. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, one or both, are expected to outline the situation next Tuesday. Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, says the whole war cabinet, and no single individual, is responsible.

STRONGER OFFENSIVE ROME—A stronger offensive by Germany against the Allies is forecast by Foreign Minister Count Ciano's newspaper Telegrafo of Leghorn. "An offensive against British territory was never closer than it is today," asserts the newspaper.

LOWLANDS ANXIOUS AGAIN BRUSSELS—There is new anxiety in the lowlands over possibility of invasion. The official Belgian radio urges the people to pay no attention to rumors from any quarter but to remain calm.

INSULTS EXCHANGED PARIS—An exchange of insults between the French and Germans through loud speakers across "No Man's Land" led last night to a heavy exchange of rifle, machine gun and even heavy artillery fire but not a single man was wounded on either side. Bursts of artillery fire on both sides, an official communique said. The Germans attacked on a wide sector but were beaten back in disorder, the communique announced.

Weekly Newspaper Meet In Calgary

Convention To Be Held In Prairie City On July 4 And 5 OTTAWA, May 4:—The executive of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association decided yesterday to hold the annual convention in Calgary July 4 and 5.

Some fifteen or so men of the Second Searchlight Battery have given of their skin for Carl Johnson of Wells, one of their number, who some months ago sustained serious burns on the legs while on duty at Frederick Point. A skin-grafting operation was performed this week and Johnson is reported to be doing nicely although it will be some months before he is recovered. The skin came from the arms of volunteers.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, May 4: (CP)—An almost complete rhinoceros jaw, believed to be 10,000 years old, was found here and throws light on Ceylon's ancient fauna.

Mill Rate Of Prince Rupert Duly Approved

VICTORIA, May 4: (CP)—The provincial government has approved the Prince Rupert city tax rate this year of 47.5 mills on one hundred per cent of land and 35 per cent of improvements. A bylaw providing for the sale of \$9000 of tax reverted lands is also authorized.

Library Tag Day Is Held

Canvassing On Streets In Progress Today With Favorable Conditions Prevailing

Under general direction of the librarian and assistant, tagging in aid of funds for the free sections of the Prince Rupert Public Library is being conducted today with supervision of Mrs. William Brass. Taggers were on the streets early and, with fair weather in prospect, every indication of a successful canvass was present.

Those assisting are Ken Thomason, Marie Lock, Elspeth MacKenzie, Margaret Davies, Mary Adeock Stephen Peachey, Glenna Moore, Betty Pullen, Peggy Pullen, Lydia Watt, Norma Watt, Betty Allen and Robert Bartlett, Peter Good, John Good, Bobby Cruickshank, Irma Matheson, Jerry Woodside.

Old Country Soccer

English War Cup, Second Round First of two-game, total score series.

- Everton 5, Rochdale 1. Burnley 1, Blackpool 2. Blackburn 1, Manchester United 2. Stoke 2, Barrow 0. Huddersfield 1, Hull 1. Sunderland 0, Leeds 0. Barnsley 3, Sheffield United 0. Middlesbro 2, Newcastle 2. Leicester 1, Westham 1. Norwich 1, Fulham 1. Notts Forest 3, Southend 1. Arsenal 3, Crystal Palace 1. Wolverhampton 0, Coventry 2. Bristol Rovers 6, Swansea 0. Bournemouth 1, West Bromwich Albion 2. Birmingham 2, Reading 0.

Halibut Sales

Summary American—50,500 pounds, 9.4c and 7c. Canadian—56,700 pounds, 9c and 6.5c to 9.6c and 6.5c.

American Visit, 5,000, 9.4c and 7c, Storage, Rapid, 8,500, 9.9c and 7c, Pacific, H. Gill, 11,500, 10c and 7c, Royal, Gjoa, 14,000, 9.5c and 7c, Storage, Star, 11,500, 9.5c and 7c, Booth.

Canadian Blue Boy, 9,000, 9c and 6.5c, Edmunds & Walker, Peerless, 7,000, 9c and 6.5c, Pacific, Cape Spear, 14,000, 9.6c and 6.5c, Atlin, M.I., 1,700, 9.1c and 6.5c, Booth, Balsac, 17,000, 9.3c and 6.5c, Storage, Midway, 8,000, 9.3c and 6.5c, Storage.