Greatest Battle In History Rages

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Tomorrow's Tides

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OTTERDAM AND A Partiament SI March NETI ERLANDS GOVERNME. Bldgs March 11 -RESERVE FORCES. CALLED TO ARMS

Havas News Agency says that the greatest battle of all time was joined today in southern Belgium and along the Franco-Belgian and Franco-Luxembourg frontiers. A French communique said that Liege forts were still holding, forming a saijent deep in the centre of invading Germans. The French scored victory in a gigantic battle of tank forces near Tongres yesterday with the Germans suffering enormous losses. There are terrific air battles over the entire front.

Big guns of the French Maginot Line and the Westwall along the Rhine River north of Basel, Switzerland, thundered late today for the first time in weeks. Basel military observers thought the feud was started by the French in an effort to smash Nazi rail communication incorporated in the Westwall from Karlsruhe to Freiburg.

A foreign broadcast heard in London tonight identified by an announcer as coming from a Dutch radio station quoted the Dutch Army commander, General Gerard Winkelman, as declaring: "Our resistance has been broken by overwhelming power." The Canadian Press had no direct report from Amsterdam. It is to be recalled that at the start of the invasion the Dutch people had been warned against attempts to falsely advise them to surrender. The broadcast also said that Rotterdam and Utreicht had surrendered.

Huge petroleum stores in Amsterdam were set afire today by the Dutch as defence measures, it was announced as the Dutch army, defending western Holland, fell back to the main water defence line. The High Command reported a German thrust at a huge sixteen mile dam across the Zuider Zee was repulsed. In the south German troops marched through North Brabant, then north into the vicinity of Dordrecht, only twelve miles south of Rotterdam.

The military position in South Holland is "undoubtedly perious," it was announced in London as German and Allied forces jockeyed for positions for a big battle east of Brussels. A military source said: "It will be a few days before we can estimate the position in this phase of the war." .

A French military spokesman at Paris said this afternoon that the "greater part" of Rotterdam is in flames and the situties in increasingly grave.

The Netherlands Premier, Dirk Jan de Geer, and all ten members of the government arrived in London today.

Belgium called to arms today all men sixteen to thirtyfive years of age, the last group of recruitable reserves.

The French government today recalled all soldiers given army leaves to do essential agricultural work.

nent Deemed Bluff by Militarists and Scientists

imed to have put into use in the exploits of the Reich. It is only a bluff, it is be-

Column" In Holland-Dutch Government Also Moves

effect her capture. The Queen themselves. it is her intention to return Holland as soon as possible. Dutch government has It was stated that it can Makes Vote To more freedom of action here ng conditions in Holland. atch refugees continue to be ed in England. Many are be-

private homes.

of German Military Instru- Stand Of Fascists Not Consistent With That Taken By Vatican

CONFLICT

ROME, May 14: (CP)- While LONDON, May 14 .- Military and newspapers and other Fascist eleentific experts alike scoff at the ments continue to rail at England w Nazi military instrument-en- and France, the Vatican protests tvating gas—which the Germans in no uncertain terms at the latest

Troops have been posted to Such gas was introduced guard the British embassy followthe Spanish civil war but it ing a number of incidents the latest of which was a demonstration of students who shouted "Down With England," "We Want

"Observatore Romano," official newspaper of the TAKE OUEEN Vatican, charged Germany with engaging in "a war of extermination of innocent people." It conlihelmina Escaped From "Fifth demned violation of rules of international warfare in the bombling of open cities and civilian population and the dropping of ONDON, May 14: (CP)—It is spies in parachutes. It justified ealed, following the safe arrival the imposition of the death pen-England of Queen Wilhelmina alty on troops which were found Holland, that the "fifth col- wearing uniforms of other counin Holland had endeavoured tries and otherwise disguising

present time in view of Help Lowlands

CAPETOWN, South Africa, May dings but later will be billetted Belgium and Holland following the and other northern points and will German invasion.

LONDON, (CP)-The price of bar gold on the London adian Department of Supply. market was unchanged today at \$37.54 per fine ounce.

BAR GOLD

dispatched to London, Lanca- 14.—The South African Parliament Union steamer Catala, Capt. and Lincolnshire. At present yesterday unanimously voted £100,- James Findlay, is due in port at are being housed in large 000 for the relief of suffering in 5:30 this afternoon from Stewart tons, struck a mine and sank. sail at 6 p.m. for the south.

Bulletins

WORD FROM

Message To Mackenzie King From

New Prime Minister Of Great

Britain

OTTAWA, May 14: (CP)-Prime

Minister William Lyon Mackenzie

King is in receipt of a message

from Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill,

the new Prime Minister of Great

Britain, stating that in the war

against the scourge of barbarism

the responsibility is lightened in

the fact that it is shared by the

Prime Ministers of Canada and

Not Directly But by Inference By

Secretary of State Cordell Hull

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 14 .-

The Pan American Scientific Con-

gress, with representatives of twen-

ty-one nations in attendance, open-

ed here yesterday with Secretary of

State Cordell Hull giving an address

of welcome. Without mentioning

names specifically but obviously re-

ferring to Nazi Germany, Mr. Hull

condemned the use of scientific in-

ventions in introducing new horrors

into modern warfare particularly

against civilian populations. Mr.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courteev 8 D Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .08.

Cariboo Quartz, 2.35.

Hedley Mascot, .40.

Pend Orielle, 1.30.

Relief Arlington, .06.

Salmon Gold, .03.

Sheep Creek, 1.02.

A. P. Con., .12.

Calmont, .27.

·C. & E., 1.50.

Home, 1.70.

Okalta, .80.

Mercury, .04.

Aldermac, .18.

Fernland, .03.

Francoeur, .30.

Gods Lake, .31.

Int. Nickel, 34.12.

Kerr Addison, 2.13.

Little Long Lac, 2.15.

McLeod Cockshutt, 1.55.

McKenzie Red Lake, 1.05.

Preston East Dome, 1.90.

Madsen Red Lake, .30.

Hardrock, .73.

Moneta, .60.

Mosher, .05.

Oklend, .041/2.

Noranda, 61.00.

Pickle Crow, 2.80.

San Antonio, 1.95.

Sherrit Gordon, .75.

Bouscadillac, .031/4.

Smelters Gold, .001/2.

Dominion Bridge, 27.75.

Beattie, .95 bid.

Central Pat., 1.95.

Cons. Smelters, 32.75.

East Malartic, 3.05.

Freehold, .023/4.

Royal Can., .17.

Prairie Royalties, .16.

Toronto

Bralorne, 9.50.

Dentonia, .011/4.

Fairview, .011/4.

Gold Belt, .22.

Minto, .021/4.

Pioneer, 2.20.

Premier, 1.05.

Privateer, .53.

Reno, .241/2.

Hull was introduced by Under Sec-

retary of State Sumner Welles.

the other Dominions.

TARREST TERRITOR

PROVINCIAL

WHEAT MARKET SLIDES WINNIPEG- Waves of hectic selling rocked the trading floor of the Winnipeg grain exchange today, slashing more than five cents from wheat futures and knocking allowable limits from all coarse grains except rye.

PROTEST TO ITALY PARIS-The French government, striving to keep Italy from entering the war on Germay's

AMERICA PROTESTS WASHINGTON - The United States today expressed willingness to join with other American republics in a joint declaration of protest to Germany over invasion of the low countries.

in a new outburst of anti-Allied

demonstrations...

NORTH OF NARVIK LONDON-The War Office announces that new Allied forces have landed at Bjerkvik, seven miles north of Narvik, with only a few minor casualties. British submarines off Norway have successfully attacked nine German transports and supply ships since the beginning of May said an official source.

JAPS IN RETREAT CHUNGKING - A Japanese Army of 150,000 men is reported kow, having suffered 20,000 casualties in one day as well as losing much equipment.

BANK MOVES OUT BASEL-The Bank of Internafrom Basle to a village in the

PARACHUTISTS WIPED OUT LILLE-Refugees arriving from Brussels tell of 250 German parachutists dressed in Belgian uniforms dropping from planes. They landed near a barracks and opened machine gun fire. Every one of the Nazis was eventually kill-

CORDELL HULL

WASHINGTON-United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull sees in the latest warfare precipitated by Germany a "new descent into international anarchy. Nor can United States shut itself out by isolation or insulation. Law and mortality must triumph over lawlessness and chaos."

B. C. FLIERS KILLED

LONDON- Flight Commander John Alex Campbell of Willow Point and Pilot Officer Morgan Dean of Vancouver are reported as missing and probably dead in latest Royal Air Force casualty lists. Two Alberta men are similarly reported.

BELGIANS GOING OVER

OTTAWA-The Belgian consulgeneral is arranging for the immediate dispatch overseas for military service of Belgians from Canada.

MALKIN APPOINTED

OTTAWA-J. P. D. Malkin of Vancouver has been appointed Montreal director of purchases for the Can-

> STEAMER MINED AMSTERDAM— The German steamer Van Ransaeller, 4000 Five of the 150 on board are missing.

HEPBURN CRITICAL

Ontario Premier Sees Necessity For Revising Whole System of Military Training in Canada

KINGSTON, Ont., May 14: (CP)-Revision of "the whole system" of military training in Canada was demanded yesterday by Premier Mitdress. "When I see boys drilling with old Ross rifles I sometimes wonder how effective they would be side, protested to Rome today against the flame-throwers of the against anti-Allied campaign in Italian army or the very modern

and French flags in a simulated coffin before the British embassy APPROVED

Confidence Voted in New National pertaining to land fighting was Government by Conference at Bournemouth

Viscountev For Sir John Simon

to be in full retreat north of Han- Formal Elevation to House of Lords of Retiring Chancellor of Exchequer

cy on Sir John Simon, the new Lord tional Settlements has moved Chancellor, who was succeeded in tion and troop concentrations. the cabinet shuffle by Sir Kingsley Wood as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

No Change in Status Quo of Dutch East Indies Appears Likely

economic and political status quo Battle of the Meuse. No strong a new leader. of the Dutch East Indies would be forts have yet been taken by the maintained following the involve- enemy. ment of the Netherlands in the European war.

Sir Robert Craigie, British am-Minister Arita of Japan yesterday Namur which the enemy claims is that Great Britain shared Japan's proceeding with a minimum of reconcern over the status quo of the sistance. Dutch East Indies.

Summary American-106,000 pounds, 9.5c and 7.5c to 10c and 7.5c. Canadian- 67,000 pounds, 9.5c and 7c to 10c and 7c. American

Paragon, 40,000, 9.8c and 7.5c. Narrona, 25,000, 9.9c and 7.5c,

Cold Storage. Augusta, 18,500, 10c and 7.5c, At-

Brothers, 14,500, 9.9c and 7.5c. Cold Storage. Gloria II, 8,000, 9.5c and 7.5c. Cold Storage.

Canadian P .Dorreen, 14,500, 9.5c and 7c,

Kongo, 4,000, 9.7c and 7c, Pacific, may happen.

Gony, 14,000, 10c and 7c, Atlin. optimism and stated that the pected, the Nazis concede.

FRENCH CITY OF SEDAN IS TAKEN BY GERMANS; BRITISH BEST IN AIR

Enormous Losses Inflicted on Enemy by Royal Air Force And Goering Can No Longer Boast of Supremacy

PARIS, May 14.—The Germans, in their intensive campaign to outflank the Maginot Line by the thrust Ichell Hepburn in a luncheon ad- through Belgium, today captured the important industrial and defence city of Sedan, ten miles across the French frontier in the Ardennes sector. This was officially announced in Paris where it was admitted that the

Allies had retreated across the the Fascist press. Yesterday in war machines used by Germany." Meuse River before the powerful mechanized attack of the Nazis, blowing up bridges and laying MINISTERS mines as they went to check the enemy advance. Total war has now come to the western front as the Allies come to grips with the advancing Nazi hordes.

More encouraging than that that with reference to the air, the British asserting that the Goering air force could no longer BOURNEMOUTH, Eng., May 14: boast of command of the skies. (CP)-A Labor Party conference to- The Royal Air Force, it was assertday voted overwhelming approval ed, had inflicted incredible casuof the Labor mandate to join the alties upon that of Germany. Since new national government under 4 o'clock last Friday morning, dur-Prime Minister Winston Churchill, ing which time there has been the thus ratifying action already taken most intensive air fighting the by Major Clement Atlee, Labor world has ever known, all known Leader, who has become Lord Privy records for aerial warfare being Seal in the new government and a shattered, a trail of broken and member of the central war council. burned Nazi planes has been left with German losses in the air ten to twelve times greater than. those of the British. The British losses of aircraft had been relatively small and where planes had been brought down many of the airmen had escaped. The Royal Air Force had penerated, it riculture. was asserted, eighty miles into German territory, not only defeat- ping. ing enemy aircraft in combat but LONDON, May 14: (CP)- King demolishing enemy planes on the George today conferred a viscount- ground and also plastering German railways, lines of communica-

> Particularly effective has been proven a new type of British fighter plane with a speed of 400 miles per hour and capable of operating successfully on a long No Indication Yet As To When radius from its base.

While the capture of Sedan. scene of a crushing defeat of the French by the Germans in the

The situation in Belgium is re- Weather Forecast ported to be well in hand despite the three-pronged Nazi movement bassador to Japan, told Foreign against Antwerp, Brussels and

The Allies themselves admit that the situation in Holland is next two or three days would be grave with the Dutch now mov- extremely critical. afire by the Dutch in flight.

British reinforcements have now side the Belgians in Belgium.

man advance.

White Hope, 20,500, 9.6c and 7c, announced, will also remain in in Belgium is claimed by the Ger-Brussels notwithstanding what mans in their reports from Berlin.

ARE NAMED

Further Appointments Are Made to Cabinet by Prime Minister Churchill

LONDON, May 14: (CP)-Further cabinet appointments announced today include the following:

Lord Beaverbrook as minister of aircraft production.

Hugh Dalton, one of the leaders of the Parliamentary Labor Party, Minister of Economic Warfare, succeeding Ronald Cross.

Sir John Reith, former Minister of Information, Minister of Transport.

Viscount Caldecote, Dominions Secretary. Lord Hankey, Chancellor of the

Duchy of Lancaster. Herwald Ramsbotham. President of the Board of Education. Robert Hudson, Minister of Ag-

Ronald Cross, Minister of Ship-

Ernest Brown, Secretary of State for Scotland.

IS ACCEPTED

Conservatives Will Meet To Choose Leader In Succession To Manion

war of 1870, is admitted by OTTAWA, May 14: (CP)- The French military authorities, it is caucus of Conservative members. declared that the enemy had been of the House of Commons last unsuccessful in puncturing the night accepted with deep regret TOKYO, May 14.—The Japanese Maginot Line at any points de- the resignation of Hon. Dr. R. J. Foreign Office announced today spite assaults along its north end. Manion as national leader of the that it had received satisfactory as- To a large extent the Allied re- Conservative party. There was no surances from the various nations treats in the lowlands has been indication as to when the party which might be concerned that the to prepared positions for a new was considering meeting to name

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands-Fresh to strong east to southeast winds, unsettled and cool with occasional rain.

ing back on their final water Viscount Gort, commander-indefences with the Germans cut- chief of the British forces in ting the country in half and France, in an order of the day totaking control of the northeast day, said: "We are now on the part. The cities of Amsterdam eve of one of the greatest momand Rotterdam were reported in ents in the history of Europe. It flames today as a result of Ger- may be a long and hard struggle man bombing as well as setting but we can be confident of ultimate victory."

The German High Command claims success in the campaign taken up strong positions along- to drive a wedge between Holland and Belgium and predicts early The Belgian government an-collapse of Dutch resistance. nounces it will remain in Brussels, Claiming that they are now in this being taken as an indication control of one-third of Holland. of lessening of the threat of Ger- the Nazis assert that the Dutch army must either surrender or be The United States embassy, it is annihilated. Almost equal success

While the Allies are retreating Mitkof, 14,000, 9.9c and 7c, Cold British authorities issued a everywhere, according to Berlin, warning today against excessive further fighting must still be ex-