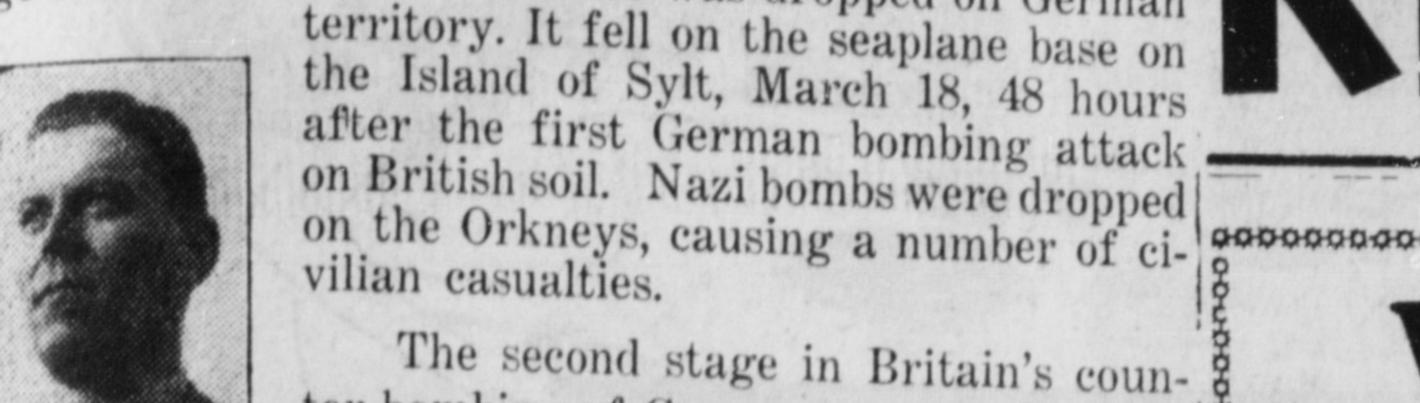
YEAR'S BOMBINGS LEAVES POWER OF GERMANY PROVINCIAL LIBRARY N PREVIOUSLY

Britain is Overcoming Four-Year Lead Nazis Held When War Opened—R.A.F. Thrusts to be Heavier

By LOUIS V. HUNTER Canadian Press Staff

LONDON, April 23: (CP)—It is more than a year ago since the first British bomb was dropped on German territory. It fell on the seaplane base on



ter-bombing of Germany consisted of attacks by the Royal Air Force on military lines of communication in western Germany. These attacks, begun May 11,

1940, closely followed the German bombing of Calais where many civilians were killed • • • • • • • and injured and which heralded

Many Planes

Lords

+ to the Royal Air Force.

Turned Over

today

Successful So Far In Manitoba

Halibut Sales

Summary

American

Canadian

Annabelle, 7,000, Booth, 8.8c and

Lois N., 35,000, Booth, 9.3c and

Subscribes \$700 to Canadian Ser-

vices Fund

The appeal has met with a fine

ed for active service.

DID WELL

SMITHERS

and 7c. to 9.8c. and 7c.

and 7c. to 9.5c. and 7.11c.

Provincial Election

that

the German offensive in the west. Since those first attacks, which * resembled the preliminary sparring of a pair of boxers, the weight and tempo of bombing on both sides have grown.

Air Parity

dian Press) - Lord Beaver- + Handicapped at the outset with • brook, minister of aircraft • numerical inferiority the R.A.F. + production, told the House + has had to adopt a bombing policy which ensured that its necessarily • nearly one thousand assem- • lighter punches landed where they • bled American and Canadian • would hurt the most. In a fight + aircraft had been handed over + between a cruiserweight and a heavyweight, it is the heavier who can do the slogging. "Tit-for-tat" is no good for the lighter man. To win, he must fight with his brains.

But all the time things have been changing. The four-year lead in air re-armament which the Nazis held has been reduced gradually. Faster and bigger bombers, and crews to man them, have been pouring from Britain's factories and training schools, augmented by the Only Two Opposition Candidates growing resources of the Empire. The rising flood now is being further swollen by supplies of aircraft

from the United States. Recently Prime Minister Church-WINNIPEG, April 23: - The ill was able to promise that the adcoalition government of Premier verse balance of bombing under John Bracken of Manitoba has which Britain fought would be albeen returned to office with a tered to the nation's advantage, and sweeping majority as a result of for some time past the R.A.F.'s atyesterday's general election. Of tacks on Germany have been grow-

the 55 seats, the government has ing in weight. already won 38 and is leading in In the raids on Germany, Britain fourteen. The Opposition has won now is using some of the biggest only two seats. The only Opposi- and fastest bombers in the world. tion candidates conceded elected High explosive bombs of a size and are Lewis St. George Stubbs in weight equal to anything dropped Winnipeg and D. A. Best in As- by the Nazis will find targets in the German capital and elsewhere.

Little Information

Exact information about the damage caused by Britain's bombing of German targets is not easy to obtain. The network of the "SS," American - 74,000 pounds, 9.4c. a rigid censorship and fast-working demolition and salvage squad Canadian - 61,000 pounds, 9.2c. see to that. But it is known definitely that already the R.A.F. has succeeded in inflicting tremendous Sentinel, 25,000, Atlin, 9.4c and damage to Germany's war effort, particularly in her transportation Hoover, 117,000, Royal, 9.6c and system.

One raid on Berlin caused a ser-Arden, 14,000, Pacific, 9.4c and jous holdup on the subway system, while the bombing of the Westphal-Emma, 11,000, Storage, 9.5c and ian armament and industrial city of Mannheim, comparable in scale Helga, 7,000, Royal, 9.8c and 7c. and weight to that on Coventry, dislocated dock installations, passenger and freight stations, engin- JUST LIKE eering and chemical factories and, Lake Biwa, 11,500, Pacific, 9.5c to ome extent, the industrial life of the city.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Secretary, recently spoke of the rapier Rio Rita, 7,500, Storage, 9.2c and thrusts of the R.A.F., cutting deep into the flesh of the enemy. As the R.A.F. grows yet more powerful, with more and faster bombers, bigger and more "beautiful" bombs, those thrusts may more resemble blows with a broadsword.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands-moderate north wind mostly cloudy and mild.

SMITHERS, April 23.—The can- • • • vass for Canadian War Services • Fund is about nearing its close and Armed Merchant. it is expected that the final amount will be in the vicinity of \$700 when Cruiser Is Lost. a few remaining contributions are

LONDON, April 23 (Canaresponse, many people being anxious to make their contribution, all + dian Press)—The armed mer- + | seeming to recognize the great need the chant cruiser Rajputana has of providing comfort, entertain- been torpedoed and sunk, the ment and educational facilities for Admiralty announced tonight. the young men who have volunteer-

AND CENTRAL BRITIS H COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

18:32 p.m. 6.1 ft.

Vol. XXX., No. 95.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1941.

PRICE: 5 CENTS.

Athens Abandons

War News

THE GREEK SITUATION ATHENS-King George of Greece said today that the Greek army of Epirus had "signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowing it" and announced he was withdrawing with the government to Crete. The monarch declared, however, that the armistice "in no way binds the freewill of the nation, King and government which insists on continuation of the struggle with all remaining forces with a view to securing national interests." The capitulation rendered precarious the position of remaining Greek army and British forces last reported battling Nazi divisions seeking to force through Thermopalae Pass on the eastern end of the front but a Cairo communique this morning simply said "Empire forces are consolidating new positions in Greece." Later tonight it was reliably reported from Cairo that the temporary easing of German pressure in Greece

PLYMOUTH BOMBED AGAIN

had enabled British forces to consolidate new positions.

LONDON-The southwest coast port of Plymouth was subjected to another long and damaging raid by German bembers last night. Two Welsh towns were attacked early this morning. There were two alarms in London during the night but little in the way of bombing.

R.A.F. AT BREST

LONDON-The Royal Air Force struck again last night at Brest with the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau again as their objective.

TRIPOLI HEAVILY HIT

LONDON-The largest and most spectacular bombardment in naval history has been made on the Italian Mediterranean port of Tripoli, it was announced today. Much damage was done.

FRANCO SNUBS HITLER

VICHY-It is reliably reported here that General Francisco Franco has again vetoed a proposal by Chancellor Adolf Hitler to move troops through Spain for an attack on Gibraltar.

FRENCH CO-OPERATE

LONDON-There are reports here that the Vichy government has permitted large quantities of fuel to pass through Tunisia for the German and Italian forces in North Africa.

REINFORCEMENTS TO NORWAY

STOCKHOLM-Heavy reinforcements of German mechanized troops are being sent to northern Norway, it is reported here, either in fear of a British invasion or to put down mounting revolt in Norway against the occupation.

1942 TO BE BRITAIN'S YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.,- Rumors of a possible negotiated peace between Great Britain and Germany are ridiculed here. Neither Great Britain or United States would agree to a negotiated peace in view of past experiences with Adolf Hitler. It is felt here that the war will last into 1942 with Great Britain fighting against great odds until mass production here and at home gives her air supremacy over Germany when she will assume the ascendency. It is now considered unlikely that it will be necessary for United States to institute a convoy service or send an expeditionary force abroad. There is no idea of United States declaring war on Germany.

MALTA REPORTED BOMBED

BERLIN-The German High Command announces that Nazi dive bombers attacked Valetta, Malta, and severely damaged the naval shipyard and a destroyer and sea fuel tanks

CLOSE TO HAZELTON

Unusually Warm Weather in Interior-Bush Fires Already

SMITHERS, April 23.— Warm dry weather for the past two weeks has brought midsummer conditions to the Bulkley Valley. Bush fires are burning in many places and already some damage has been done.

A fire a mile east of town on the west side of the Bulkley River jumped across the river on Sunday afternoon and set fire to a chicken house on the Gyger farm. The building was destroyed. The bar also caught fire but was saved by the efforts of help that went out from town.

This is the second fire loss susyears ago after coming direct other business. from Switzerland. They had only been here a few months when their dwelling and most of their

belongings went up in smoke. The roads are all dry throughout the district and travellers re-

Ed Borders Has Practically Completed His Mushing Trip Over Alaska Highway Route

HAZELTON, April 23-Ed Borders, University of Alaska student, who has been on a mushing trip from Fairbanks south over the proected Alaska Highway route, arrived safely at George Beirnes' ranch at Kispiox yesterday and is coming on in to Hazelton today. He did 32 miles on the last day into the Beirnes ranch. On the way south Borders met P. M. Monckton, who is carrying out a special reconnaissance of the highway route, at Klappen Creek.

CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT The meeting of the city council tained by the Gyger family since will be held tonight at 8 for the they located in Smithers four consideration of the estimates and

> port that they art in first class condition all the way to Vancouver, although a little dusty in

Greece To Continue Fight Against Nazis; Situation Of British Seemingly Obscure

STRAFING

Most Spectacular Bombard-

ment in History of Sea

Warfare Carried Out

Against Italians

CAIRO, April 23: (CP)-Red

hot guns of Great Britain's

Mediterranean fleet set Tri-

poli Harbor aflame Monday in

what officers said was the

biggest and most spectacular

bombardment in naval his-

tory. They pumped more than

a thousand tons of high ex-

plosives into the base with

fifteen-inch and smaller pro-

jectiles from battleships rum-

bling over the high Moorish

walls to start great fires and

crush enemy striking bases

like egg shells. The scorching

fire continued steadily for

forty-two minutes, repeatedly

Royal Air Force headquart-

ers here announced new raids

SHIPPING TUNGSTEN

\$60,000 Worth of Ore Per Month Through Here

The well known Riverside mine on Salmon River in Alaska alongside the Stewart-Premier road just across the border from British Columbia will soon start shipping \$60,000 worth of tungsten ore monthly through Prince Rupert to the United States, J. H. Scott, San Francisco, managing director of Riverside, announced today. Mr. Scott is in the city on his way to Stewart and will be on the property in connection with the starting of operation on Monday next of a 100-ton mill which has recently been undergoing rebuilding. The first of the monthly carload shipments will be made early in June, it is planned. The ere will be brought to Prince Rupert by the Hyder-Ketchikan mail boat and dispa thed from Prince Rupert east by rain.

Tungsten plays an important part as an alloy in steel manufacturing and is particularly impartant in war time for the making of machine tools and such equipment vital to the munitions and aircraft industries.

Mr. Scott expects to spend two weeks at the mine.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver Mines Big Missouri, .041/4. Bralorne, 9.90.

Cariboo uartz, 2.50. Dentonio, .01 1/4A. Fairview, .01. Gold Belt, .25. Hedley Mascot, .50XD. Minto, .02A. Noble Five, $.00\frac{1}{2}$. Pacific Nickel, .04. Pend Oreille, 1.22. Pioneer, 1.90. Premier, .91. Privateer, .49. Reeves Macdonald, .11. Reno, .10. Relief Arlington, .02A. Sheep Creek, .75.

A.P. Con., .071/2. Calmont, .171/4. C. &. E., 1.10. Home, 1.62. Pacalta, .04A. Royal Canadian, .07. Okalta, .50A. Mercury, $.03\frac{1}{2}$. Prairie Royalties, .05.

Aldermac, .09. Beattle, 1.07. Central Pat., 1.70. Cons. Smelters, 34.00. East Malartic, 2.42. Fernland, .02. Francoeur, .38. Gods Lake, .261/2. Hardrock, .75A. Int. Nickel, 32.00. Kerr Addison, 3.70. Little Long Lac, 1.73. McLeod Cockshutt, 1.70. Madsen Red Lake, 1.02. Moneta, .46. Noranda, 53.00. Pickle Crow, 2.43. Preston East Dome, 2.98. San Antonio, 2.20. Sherritt Gordon, .66. Uchi, .14. Bouscadillac, .02.

Mosher, .041/2.

Smelters Gold, .01.

Dominion Bridge, 22.00.

Oklend, .04.

Toronto

Outlook For Expeditionary Force Not Very Bright-Appears to be Alternative of Evacuation or Hopeless Defence

ATHENS, April 23.-King George II. and his gov-Portland Canal Mine to Ship ernment abandoned Athens today following capitulation of the Greek armies of Epirus and Macedonia without his knowledge. The Germans were reported to be already entering Athens. The King fled to the Island of Crete in the Mediterranean, resolved to carry on the fight against

the enemy from there. The King's flight followed the capture by the Nazis of the important city of Ionnona and other important points.

Berlin claimed today to have entered Thermopalae Pass where the British have been making a new Stand. There was no immediate word of the fate of the British expeditionary force which was faced with the alternative of a difficult evacuation or a seemingly hopeless continuation of the defence. A communique from Cairo said that Empire forces had consolidated new defence positions in Greece. There are estimated to be between 50,000 and 80,000 British forces, consisting to large extent of Australians, in Greece together with considerable tanks and equipment.

There was pitiful confusion in Athens and other Greek cities. Air raids by German stuka dive bombers were so frequent that it was impossible to keep up a systematic alarm system. The Nazis planes were also slashing at troop movements and refugees on open roads as well as at shipping.

It has come to light now how members of the German legation staff in Athens circulated among tropp; of the British Expeditionary Force and obtained advance information as to their movements.

NO CHANGE

Brest Raided By Air Force

on Bengasi and Barce.

scoring direct hits.

German Battleships Scharnhorst City Affairs Carrying on Satisfacand Gneisenau Are Again Objectives of British Flyers

LONDON, April 23 (Canadian Press)-The Royal Air Force last night bombed Brest where Nazi battleships Gneisenau and

Scharnhorst are still sheltering.

Food Conditions in That Country changes this year. Are Desperate, Says Associated Press News Correspondent

desperate, according to an Associ- other parts need sewers. The whole turned yesterday by clipper plane tion. after a visit to that part of Europe.; working people are receiving only seventy per cent of the calories they need. Cattle are being fed with OFFICIAL cellulose—wood treated with chem-

torily Except for Sewer System There will be no change in the

TAX RATE

tax rate this year and, as there has been very little change in the assessed values of properties, there will be practically no change in the city taxes over last year. B. C. Bracewell, city commissio-

ner, commenting on the condition of the city this morning, said the BAD SHAPE co ts of carrying on work increased with the activity around the city. However, he did not plan any

It seems that the matter of sewering the city is causing uneasiness. Some of the old sewers NEW YORK, April 23 .- Food con- have given way as a result of the ditions in Finland have become sinking of the filled streets and ated Press correspondent who re- system will need careful considera-

IS DEAD

PLYMOUTH HIT AGAIN

Large Fire Started and Consider- ager of the Pacific Mills at Ocean western British Port

Press)-Plymouth was the target been located for many years. A cessive night Tuesday, a violent survive. The remains will be taken assault leaving many fires blazing from Ocean Falls to Vancouver for and casualties.

John S. McKay, Townsite Manager at Ocean Falls, Passes Away

John S. McKay, townsite manable Damage Done at South- Falls and former accountant there, died at the paper town on Monday. He was one of the best known of-LONDON. April 23 (Canadian ficials at Ocean Falls where he had of Nazi raids for the second suc- widow and 21-year-old son, John, and causing considerable damage burial, leaving Ocean Falls on the steamer Prince George Friday.