

Huge British Forces In Greece

A Hundred Thousand Imperial Soldiers To Aid Greek Resistance

uation in Balkans at Standstill—New Snag in Negotiations Between Yugoslavia and Germany—Turkey's Reply to Hitler

BELGRADE, March 15: (CP)—Nearly one hundred thousand soldiers from Great Britain's Imperial forces with shiploads of war material, enough for five divisions, have landed at five Greek mainland ports, it was reliably reported today. These troops would reinforce the Greeks should they be called upon to resist a German invasion.

The general situation in the Balkans is still, apparently, at a standstill. Negotiations between Germany and Yugoslavia are reported to have hit a new snag and the visit of the Premier and foreign minister of Yugoslavia to Germany to confer with Adolf Hitler has been indefinitely postponed.

President Inonu of Turkey has sent a personal message to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany in reply to Hitler's overtures for Turkey to break her alliance with Great Britain, guarantee of Turkish integrity and a slice of Syria being held out as bait. President Inonu's personal envoy carrying the answer to Hitler is said to be in Sofia, Bulgaria.

BRITONS IN HUNGARY
LONDON—British nationals in Hungary are being advised to return home in view of the situation in the Balkans.

SOPIA TRAIN DERAILMENT
SOPIA—It is being suggested that British intelligence service saboteurs may have been responsible for the derailment of a Bulgarian train which resulted in ten persons being killed and thirty wounded.

APPROVES BLOCKADE
WASHINGTON—President Franklin D. Roosevelt approves British blockade of France.

STUDY STEEL INDUSTRY
VICTORIA—United States consulting engineers have been engaged to investigate the possibilities of a steel industry in British Columbia including site and methods. Hon. W. J. Assestine, minister of mines announces that Assestine and W. Lloyd Clark of Ottawa are leaving for a tour of the interior.

CRASHES NOT ABNORMAL
OTTAWA—The rate of crashes of Royal Air Force training planes is not abnormal, declares C. G. Power, minister of air.

CANADIANS AT "ROCK"
GIBRALTAR—Canadian engineering staff officers have arrived here to help completion of eight new fortifications. They are under command of Major G. B. North, well known Northern British Columbia mining man.

SHIPS FOR BRITAIN
WASHINGTON—No decision has yet been made in regard to the dispatch of naval and merchant craft to Great Britain, it was stated yesterday, although other war equipment is already under way. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that there was no American tonnage available now although it is possible Danish and Norwegian vessels, now under seizure in this country, may be released for the use of Great Britain.

Announcement Of Residence Deals

L. B. Lambly Buys Hubert Ward House—A. C. K. Sloan Takes Lambly's House—Ward Building

The deals being negotiated through the office of G. P. Tinker Co., the residence of Hubert Ward on Atlin Avenue, Westview, has been purchased by L. B. Lambly who has sold his house on Sixth Avenue East to A. C. K. Sloan. Mr. Ward is to build a new house a little further west on Atlin Avenue. The residence on Sixth Avenue East, being vacated by Mr. Sloan will be occupied by C. W. Kellett.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11 o'clock, was reported this morning to be on time.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 3:06 a.m. 22.8 ft.
15:35 p.m. 20.9 ft.
Low 9:31 a.m. 2.1 ft.
21:43 p.m. 3.9 ft.

Canadian Press News Man Describes Convoy Attack—Six Out Of 100 Ships Sunk

By SAM ROBERTSON, Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, March 15: (CP)—German submarines waylaid a great convoy with which I recently crossed the North Atlantic and sank at least four ships and, possibly, six.

It was impossible to learn how many seamen were survivors as other ships, numbering one hundred, required to hurry on lest they too fall victim. Two attacks were made—one at midnight, the other at 5 o'clock in the morning.

The passengers took the ordeal calmly although required to stand at emergency stations through long dark hours.

"Just Plain Communist Was Tom Mann; Revolutionary Fighter For Sixty Years

Tom Mann, who died this week was the veteran leader of the Communist movement in Great Britain. He was a revolutionary fighter since the early 80's. In his tempestuous career he was deported from Germany, France, Belgium and Ireland and barred from the United States. He was jailed in Australia and Germany in his younger years and, at the age of 76 when most leaders are content to muse on social and political strife, he went to a London jail.

He was a welcome guest on several trips to the Soviet Union and in 1927 visited China to advise and encourage communists of the Far East.

Right to the last Mann remained a fiery open-air speaker and agitator. Almost every May Day saw him in London addressing communist demonstrators, his arms waving above the crowd, the red flag of revolution billowing behind him.

"I am a communist," he would boast. "I am not a socialist or a syndicalist. None of those fancy names for me. Just a plain communist—that's me!"

Mann was also fond of saying: "Revolution is the only way." Yet with his snow-white hair, his rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes and heavy physique, he looked more like a kind-hearted country physician than a relentless enemy of the established order.

Born April 15, 1856, he began work at the age of nine as a farmer's boy near his birthplace, Foleshill in Warwickshire. At eleven he went down into the mines and later carted slag on the pit bank for three years. Seven years as an engineer in Birmingham followed, and in 1877 he went to London and began an association with the trades union movement. Later he was barred from that movement and on September 4, 1928, was forcibly ejected from a Trades Union congress at Swansea, Wales.

He stood as parliamentary candidate four times but never succeeded in gaining an opportunity to air his fiery views before that constitutional assembly. But his world-wide travels, which included several visits to the United States, enabled him to reach a far wider public.

His first experience of America was in 1883 when he reached New York in time to witness the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge. He lived for a time in a Delancey Street clubhouse, working nearby as a machinist, but soon returned to England and worked for the Westinghouse Brake Company at King's Cross, London.

His next visit to America was in 1913. On this trip he addressed an I. W. W. meeting in New York, attended an ironworkers' convention in Pittsburgh and lectured in Boston, Los Angeles, San Diego, Salt

ADVANCING IN AFRICA

British Still Moving On Addis Ababa—Tripoli Heavily Bombed

CAIRO, March 15:—The British are still making rapid progress in their march upon Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

The Royal Air Force yesterday bombed Tripoli heavily. Large fires were started in enemy warehouses and supply docks.

JAPAN HAS ONE PARTY

Nippon To Be Put On Totalitarian Basis Under Prince Konoye

TOKYO, March 15:—A new political party, to be the only legal one in the country, is being formed in Japan. It will be similar to the Fascists of Italy and the Nazis of Germany and is intended to put the country on a totalitarian basis to carry out the mandates of Premier Prince Konoye.

ORGANIZE CAMPAIGN

Enthusiasm Marks Inception Of Local Drive For War Services

An enthusiastic and overflowing meeting of approximately sixty persons last night, under the leadership of Colonel J. W. Nicholls, elected officers and an executive to handle the forthcoming drive for the Canadian War Services Funds.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Col. J. W. Nicholls. Vice-President, H. A. Breen. Secretary, Allan M. Davies. Treasurer, Fred Conrad. Executive — Mrs. W. Rothwell (Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary), Mrs. J. A. Teng (Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire), C. P. Balagno (Knights of Columbus), Capt. Ivan Halsey (Salvation Army) and N. F. McEwen (Young Men's Christian Association).

Ways and means of raising the quota allotted to Prince Rupert were discussed and many promising suggestions will be dealt with in due course by the publicity manager.

There will be a dinner on Monday at the Commodore Cafe on which occasion Col. Fell of Vancouver, who is in charge of the campaign in British Columbia, will speak.

Need Of Water Spurred Fight

British Troops Had To Win Sidi Barrani In Five Days, Commentator Says

LONDON, March 15: (CP)—When General Archibald Wavell's Middle East forces began their brilliant drive through the desert into Libya, it was imperative that Sidi Barrani be captured in five days because the troops had only enough water to last that long.

This was disclosed in a war commentary by Maj.-Gen. R. J. Collins who said the "whole show would have been off" if more time had been required to capture the port. "Without water no man could have carried on," General Collins said. "In fact, without the help of the Navy who managed somehow to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Saloum, I don't think it could have been done."

Other than what the British were able to capture during the advance there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away.

War News

HEAD OFF INVASION

LONDON—British sources disclosed today that the latest attacks on Germany are defence tactics based partly on suspicions that Chancellor Adolf Hitler's Balkan movements may mask an intended attempt at invasion of Britain.

MORE NAZI PLANES DOWN

LONDON—The German Luftwaffe made new attacks on the British Isles today. London had its 520th air raid alarm of the war at 2 o'clock this afternoon. This morning the city had had a half-hour alarm. During the night Glasgow, over which hundreds of enemy planes again came, Leeds, Plymouth, Sheffield, Southampton and the Tilbury Docks of London were subjected to bombing attack. The German raiders last night came over at first singly or in small groups, apparently in the effort to avoid the increased effectiveness of the British night defensive measures including the new Bow plane fighters, heavy anti-aircraft barrage and the new secret devices. Later the tempo and scale increased. New defensive measures minimized the damaging effects of the bombers again last night and at least five of the enemy planes were brought down, making a total of thirty-seven for the past four nights. The Nazis covered a widespread area over many sections of the British Isles.

GREEKS STILL WINNING

ATHENS—The Greeks are not only beating off the violent Italian assault, backed up by heavy artillery and aerial action, on the Albanian front but have made important local gains. In repulsing the Fascist attacks, the Greeks have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Eight Italian planes were shot down today and other damaged over Klisura with loss of two Royal Air Force machines.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK

VANCOUVER—The Norwegian freighter Benjamin Franklin, well known at Pacific Coast ports, is reported to have been torpedoed and sunk off the English coast. The vessel had a cargo of hoppers and foodstuffs for Great Britain.

COMMANDS BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

LONDON—Admiral Sir Percy Noble has been appointed commander-in-chief of the battle fleet in the western approaches to Great Britain. As such he will direct the "Battle of the Atlantic." Before the war Admiral Noble was in command of China Station.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED GERMANY ATTACKED

Hospital Board In Monthly Session—New Members Welcomed—General Business

Standing committees for the year of the Prince Rupert General Hospital were announced last night as follows by President Frank Dibb at the regular monthly meeting of the board:

Finance—Arnold Flaten, chairman, D. G. Borland and N. A. Watt.

House—Dr. R. G. Large, chairman, R. E. Benson, J. S. Irvine and Mrs. S. A. Kielback.

Executive—G. P. Tinker, chairman, W. O. Fulton, Arnold Flaten and D. G. Borland.

Grounds—D. G. Borland, chairman, R. E. Benson and W. O. Fulton.

New members of the board in the persons of J. S. Irvine and Mrs. Kielback were welcomed at last night's meeting. Mr. Irvine was elected to the board at the recent annual general meeting. Mrs. Kielback is the newly appointed representative of the Women's Auxiliary on the board.

Present at last night's meeting were Frank Dibb, chairman, Arnold Flaten, D. G. Borland, J. S. Irvine, Dr. R. G. Large and Mrs. S. A. Kielback, directors; Miss Margaret Jamieson R.N., lady superintendent, and H. W. Birch, managing secretary.

The financial report for January showed disbursements of \$5297.76 with hospital days totaling 1588. In February disbursements amounted to \$5190.10 and there were 1519 hospital days.

The house committee was empowered to act respecting additional x-ray equipment and replacements. Donation of six new air mattresses by the Women's Auxiliary was ordered acknowledged.

Very Successful Raids Carried Out Over Wide Area By British Air Force

LONDON, March 15: (CP)—In spite of less favorable weather, industrial centres of Gelsenkirchen and Duesseldorf in western Germany were main targets of British raids last night, it was announced today.

A very effective attack was also made on Rotterdam oil tanks while shipping, airdromes and docks were attacked over a wide area.

The whole invasion coast from Norway to Brest was also attacked with good results. Only two British planes were lost.

In a dusk-to-dawn assault raiders poured bombs on the Clydeside district of Glasgow and also attacked other points. At least five German planes were brought down.

Hockey Scores

Pacific Coast League
Spokane 7, Seattle 3.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—Light showers have occurred on the north coast while elsewhere the weather has been part cloudy and mild.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Light variable winds, cloudy and mild becoming part cloudy.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light variable winds, part cloudy and mild.

YOUNG CHILD DIES

Mercy Innes, one year and nine month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Innes, died yesterday afternoon. She was born in Kitwanga.