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Parley Is Blowing Up

RUSSIA PLANS FLEET

LONDON—Minister of Economic Warfare Hugh Dalton was said today to be investigating reports that Russia proposes to form a 200-vessel merchant fleet to carry produce from the Americans to Russia destined for the Reich.

ALL PARLEY BLDG

NEW YORK—State Cordell Hull, speaking here, declared Western Hemisphere depends upon the speed with which the United States delivers war materials to Great Britain. If Great Britain were defeated, he said, it would be easy for Germany to cross the Atlantic. Secretary Hull told the United States House of Representatives foreign affairs committee today that "control of the high seas by law-abiding nations is the key to security of the western hemisphere." He appeared as a witness on the Roosevelt bill to aid Great Britain by lending or leasing war materials.

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES LIGHT

CANBERRA—Australian casualties in the North African campaign have so far totalled only 296, including seventeen killed, as compared with 94,000 Italians killed or captured.

GREEKS GAINING GROUND

ATHENS—The Greeks are advancing steadily in Albania despite heavy snowstorms and severe cold. Two Italian counter-attacks have been repelled, the Fascists suffering heavy losses in both leaving dead and wounded behind in their retreat. Greek forces were reported today to have resumed their advance toward Berat in central Albania after having thrown back the two counter-attacks.

SNOW STOPS GERMANS

LONDON—Snowstorms restricted German air activity and protected the British Isles to large extent from Nazi air raiders today. A lone German bomber visited a northern Scotland town and dropped a bomb, raking the town with machine gun fire. Sixteen bombs were dropped in a marsh on the southeast coast as a few planes came over and attacked at least two villages. The unfavorable weather also prevented Royal Air Force operations against Germany and the Channel coast bases. Last night was quiet, no raids by the enemy reported anywhere in Britain.

DAILY WAR COST

LONDON—The war effort is now costing Great Britain \$61,620,000 per day, it was announced today.

SPIKE BRITISH CAMPAIGN

LONDON—It is believed the Axis powers are about to make an attempt to spike any British campaign in the Eastern Mediterranean by getting control of the Straits of Sicily, 87 miles wide. An effort will probably be made by Germany and Italy to get air and naval bases on both sides of the Mediterranean. The test last Friday of Nazi and Fascist air strength against the British Navy was taken as an indication of this.

PREMIERS SPLIT UP IN VIEWS

Appear to be Evenly Divided Between Favoring and Opposing Siros Report

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE?

OTTAWA, January 15—The conference is expected to decide today whether sessions shall be held in public or private and, on that issue, there was seen the possibility of the meeting breakdown. Premier Mitchell Hepburn says the Ontario delegation will not remain if sessions are held in private and, without Ontario, the conference would be of little use. The general conference convened again this morning but adjourned until this afternoon pending a report from the procedure committee.

OTTAWA, January 15—Provincial premiers are divided evenly between opposing and favoring the recommendations of the Rowell-Sirois commission now the subject of a Dominion-provincial conference.

Opposing the report are Premiers M. F. Hepburn of Ontario, T. D. Pattullo of British Columbia and William Aberhart of Alberta.

Favoring the report are Premiers John Bracken of Manitoba, W. J. Patterson of Saskatchewan and T. A. Campbell of Prince Edward.

Non-committal are Premiers J. Adair of Quebec, J. B. McNair of New Brunswick and A. S. MacMillan of Nova Scotia. McNair's tendency is to favor the report while, on a show-down, Godbout and MacMillan might oppose it.

"Fiddling" Says Hepburn

Premier M. F. Hepburn was the first of the provincial premiers to speak yesterday. He declared Ontario's opposition to implementation of the report in wartime and directed sharp criticism at the report itself and at the Dominion government for calling a conference now. Transfer of tax-collecting activities from the provincial to the Dominion governments as recommended would be an involved and confusing process, Premier Hepburn said. Ontario would continue to co-operate with the Dominion in the war effort but he thought the report was a peace-time document. "It is unthinkable that we should be fiddling while London is burning," said Hepburn.

Premier J. Adair of Quebec of Quebec said the Quebec delegation had come to the conference as "Canadians." He said that the delegation's minds were not made up yet but, "if Canada is to be happy and strong, it will be through the strength of all provinces."

Premier Macmillan of Nova Scotia said his province's answer would be "no" if asked for a categorical answer favoring or opposing the Commission report but he added that he did not believe the question should be approached in this way. "We feel we are called here to work out a plan for the future of Canada, safeguarding at the same time the interests of individual provinces, and to assist us in our deliberations we have the Siros report."

Premier McNair of New Brunswick said his delegation did not concur with the Commission's findings in respect to New Brunswick claims. He said his delegation "definitely reserved all rights in respect to claims in question" although he would not ask for a re-opening now.

Premier John Bracken of Manitoba yesterday said his province urged adoption of the report as a peace-time measure and as a means of mobilizing Canada's maximum effort for prosecution of the war. Mr. Bracken was the last speaker before luncheon adjournment, other provincial premiers being heard at the afternoon session.

Premier Opposed
Premier T. D. Pattullo of British

WAR GIFT OF CHIEF GAMBLE

Chief Edward Gamble of the Kitkatla band of Indians has made a gift of \$100 for war purposes in England. This is to be sent to Ottawa for transmission.

MENACE IS LESSENING

Aerial Night Attacks and U-boats Show Signs of Being Overcome

LONDON, January 15—Indications are not lacking that progress is being made towards overcoming two of the most serious menaces against Great Britain in this war—one night aerial raiders; the other, submarines.

More and more of the night bombers are being intercepted by anti-aircraft fire and fighting planes although there is a long way to go yet.

The losses of shipping from u-boat attack during recent weeks at least have been diminishing.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnson Co.)

Vancouver
Big Missouri, .04½.
Bralorne, 10.10.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.70.
Dentonio, .01A.
Fairview, .01½.
Gold Belt, .29.
Minto, .00½.
Pend Oreille, 1.95.
Premier, .92.
Pioneer, 2.15.
Privateer, .59.
Reeves Macdonald, .15.
Reno, 13A.
Relief Arlington, .03.
Salmon Gold, .02.
Sheep Creek, .86.
Cariboo Hudson, .01A.

Oils
A. P. Con., .08½.
Calmont, .24.
C. & E., 1.40.
Home, 2.50.
Pacalta, .03½.
Royal Canadian, .13A.
Okalta, .71.
Mercury, .04½.
Prairie Royalties, .08.

Toronto
Aldermac, .15.
Beattie, 1.16.
Central Pat., 1.90.
Cons. Smelters, 38.00½.
East Malartic, 2.94.
Fernland, .047-3.
Francoeur, .48.
Gods Lake, .36½.
Hardrock, 1.05.
Int. Nickel, 36.00½.
Kerr Addison, 3.75.
Little Long Lac, 2.01.
McLeod Cockshut, 2.25.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.32.
Medsen Red Lake, .60.
Moneta, .53.
Noranda, 57.00.
Pickle Crow, 2.87.
Preston East Dome, 3.35.
San Antonio, 2.60.
Sherritt Gordon, .86.
Uchi, .36.
Bouscadiillac, .03.
Mosher, .07.
Okland, .08½.
Nesters Gold, .01½.
Dominion Bridge, 25.00B.

John Nicholls returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning after spending the Christmas and New Year holiday season in Vancouver and Victoria. His parents, Col. and Mrs. J. W. Nicholls, and sister, Miss Patricia Nicholls, will be returning later.

Columbia believed the changes as recommended in the report would work injury upon both Dominion and provinces.

APPEALS ON RENT

Seventy Applications Are Before Local Board for Consideration

Seventy applications for rent revisions have so far been placed before the local federal rentals board consisting of Judge W. E. Fisher, G. P. Tinker and Thomas Elliott with Mrs. P. M. Ray as secretary. Sixty of these applications are from tenants complaining of increases in rent which have been asked while ten are from landlords who are asking authority to increase rents. Pending rulings being made, the board has instructed tenants not to pay higher rents than those prevailing January 2, 1940.

The first session of the board was held at the end of the week when three applications were given attention, evidence being heard. No decisions were made.

After considering the various applications, the board will make its recommendations to Ottawa from where the final rulings will emanate.

SAVOYS ARE GOING WELL

Score Second Straight Clean Sweep Victory in Ladies' Bowling League

Savoy Swingers scored their second clean sweep victory in a row by defeating Lucky Strikes three games to nil in the Ladies' Bowling League last night. Rangers also had a clean sweep win last night at the expense of Stylettes and are tied for second place with Knox Hotel and Big Sisters who won two games to one over Annette's and Blue Birds respectively. High average scorer last night was Lillian Croxford of Savoy Swingers with 208.

French Officers In Huddle With Two Dictators

BERLIN, January 15—Official quarters here profess to know nothing of a secret meeting of Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy with a French general and French admiral at Berchtesgaden. The conference, it is said, has to do with the campaign against the British in the Mediterranean.

AIM FOR CONTROL

Royal Air Force Working Toward Completion Domination of North African Skies

CAIRO, January 15—While the siege of Tobruk proceeds, the Royal Air Force near eastern command, directed by Air Marshal Raymond Collishaw, a Canadian, is preparing its campaign to completely dominate the air over the whole of Libya.

The Prince Rupert Gyro Club was in special business session at today's luncheon to consider ways and means of promoting the campaign it is instituting among all Gyro Clubs of Canada and the United States with a view to raising a fund to purchase a Spitfire plane for the British war effort.

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning after having spent the Christmas and New Year holiday season in Vancouver, Mrs. Hanson, who has been ill with a touch of pneumonia, will be returning north later.

Three Premiers Refuse To Sit In Ottawa On Conference Committee

Hope of Reaching Agreement on Recommendations of Rowell-Sirois Commission Are Abandoned Today

OTTAWA, January 15: (CP)—Hope of reaching agreement on adoption of recommendations of the Rowell-Sirois commission were abandoned today when, in the face of determined opposition from three provinces, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King told the Dominion-provincial conference that there was no point in setting up committees for that purpose. The names of the three provinces were not given but it is presumed they are Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Three Premiers, it was disclosed, had refused to sit on committees.

Bulletins

CHARGED WITH MURDER

LONDON—Prof. Arthur Lloyd James, eminent linguist and adviser to the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Royal Air Force, has been arraigned in Hampstead police court charged with the murder of his wife who was found dead of stab wounds. James is said to have told the police that he believed his powers were failing and he killed his wife in order to save her from a bleak future. Mrs. James was an accomplished violinist better known as Elsie James, her maiden name.

LIVING STANDARD DOWN

TOKYO—A Japanese economic expert, writing in a Tokyo newspaper, said today that the Japanese living standard had been reduced forty per cent since the war with China started and it would soon have to be cut fifty per cent.

NEW JUSTICE NAMED

EDMONTON—George B. O'Connor K.C. of Edmonton has been appointed to the Alberta Supreme Court bench, succeeding Mr. Justice A. S. Ewing who is elevated to the Appeal Court Division in succession to the late Mr. Justice A. A. McGillivray.

LAGUARDIA AS AMBASSADOR

NEW YORK—Asked today whether he might be appointed United States ambassador to Great Britain, Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia said: "I have cow boy legs and I don't think I would look very good at the Court of St. James in tight velvet pants and buckled pumps."

SUBVERSION OF HONG KONG

HONG KONG—Police here are making a drive on subversive elements and, in future, all immigrants must have permits. There is a large Japanese sympathizing element here.

ATLANTIC SPEED RECORD

LONDON—Flying an American-built bomber for delivery to the Royal Air Force, Capt. Pat Eve has set a new record for trans-Atlantic flying. He had breakfast in Newfoundland and tea in England. He is believed to have made the 2200 miles in about seven hours. Recently Capt. Allan Andrew made a record almost as good.

NEW SHIP CONTRACTS

OTTAWA—Contracts have been let to Atlantic Coast shipyards for six large freighters for the British government. They will cost \$10,000,000.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong northeast winds, shifting to north, becoming colder with occasional rain or part sleet.

CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT

Death Toll at Plymouth as Result of Raid Not as Great as First Feared

LONDON, January 15 (Canadian Press)—Although Plymouth was singled out for the Nazi raids on Monday night and more than one hundred thousand incendiary missiles and many tons of high explosives were dropped, casualties were remarkably light. Several fires in one section of the port raged for hours.

Last night there were no Nazi air raids on any part of Britain owing to unfavorable weather.

AIR FORCE IS ACTIVE

Lorient and Dunkerque Were Monday Night's Objectives in Spite of Bad Weather

LONDON, January 15 (Canadian Press)—British bombers defied bad weather Monday night to blast the Nazi submarine base at Lorient and the Dunkerque area of the German-held French coast, the Air Ministry announced.

Last night unfavorable weather prevented the Royal Air Force from visiting Germany or channel bases but British planes did get through to Norway. At Stavanger there were two direct hits on a motor-ship.

Eleven Fascist Generals Taken

Italian Army Heads Fall Into Hands of British in Libyan Campaign

CAIRO, January 15—Eleven Italian generals have so far been captured in the Libyan campaign. Another was captured yesterday. He was General Francisco Argenteo, who was in charge at Sidi Barrani. Two patrols picked him up from his hiding place. General "Old Electric Whiskers" Berganzall is now sought.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, January 15—Wheat prices were 1/8c. higher to 3/8c. lower on the Chicago market yesterday. May closed at 87 1/4c.

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, January 15—Copper was unchanged on the New York metal market yesterday with May closing at 11.15c. per pound.

POUND STERLING

NEW YORK, January 15—The British pound sterling is quoted at \$4.03 1/2 on the New York foreign exchange market.

NEW BOARD IS FORMED

Necessary to Form Another British Purchasing Organization in United States

LONDON, Jan. 15: (CP)—The government announces that, because of a great increase in the volume of supplies from North America, it is setting up a new committee called the British Supply Council of North America headed by Arthur B. Purvis of Montreal as chairman with Morris W. Wilson as assistant chairman and other members including Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Supply, Sir Clive Baillieu and Vice-Admiral A. E. Evans. The headquarters office of the board is in New York.

NAZI SHIPS DESTROYED

Nine Planes of Germans Lost in Raid by R.A.F. on Catania

CAIRO, Jan. 15: (CP)—Destruction of nine airplanes, believed to be German, in the heavy raid on Catania, Sicily, on Sunday is reported by Royal Air Force headquarters. A communiqué said that three hangars were set afire and one of them was demolished.

Stock Market Values Lower

List Shows Downward Tendency All Along Line With Turnover Not Heavy

NEW YORK, January 15 (Canadian Press)—A total of 470,000 shares changed hands on the New York stock exchange with values showing a downward tendency. The industrial average at closing was 132.44, down 81; rails, 29.31, down 26, and utilities, 20.54, down .11.

COUNCILS ELECTED

Port Simpson, Kitkatla and Aiyansh Have Annual Polls

Native councils in Prince Rupert agency for the year have been elected as follows:
Port Simpson
Tom Gosnell, Chief Councillor, Henry Helin, James Lawson, Sam Hughes, Jacob Morrison, James Henry, Peter Wells, Ernest Dudo-ward, Alfred Price, Joshua McKay, William Sampson, Peter Ryan.

Kitkatla
Matthew Hill, Chief Councillor, Joseph Onnes, Edward Ridley, Job Toimie, Wilfred Jackson, Laurence Innes, Edmund Shaw, Mathies Shaw, William Ridley, Alfred Jackson.

Aiyansh
Clarence McMillan, Chief Councillor, Adam Nisyok, Cuthbert Morven, Titus Minasque, Frank B. Tall, Humphrey Davis, Herbert Pollard.

ROOSEVELT'S PLAIN TALK

Replies With Sharp Words to Senator Burton K. Wheeler

WASHINGTON D.C., January 15—President Franklin D. Roosevelt replied with sharp words yesterday to a remark of Senator Burton K. Wheeler that Rooseveltian policies were designed to plow under every fourth American boy. "I regard the remark as most untruthful, dastardly and unpatriotic," declared Roosevelt. "It is the most rotten thing that I can remember having been said in my public life."

Foreign Shipping Warned Away From Roumanian Waters

BUCHAREST, January 15—Roumania issued a warning yesterday that coastal waters of the Black Sea contiguous to Roumania would henceforth be dangerous to foreign shipping. All vessels are required to report to Constantza.

LONDON SILVER
LONDON, January 15—The London silver price is unchanged at 23 5-16 pence. The New York price is 34c.