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Tomorrow's Tides

High 2:45 a.m. 20.3 ft.
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Emergency Is Declared

Roosevelt Reiterates All Out Aid Great Britain Is Essential

United States Ready to Strike With Her Armed Forces to Repel Attack Wherever Deemed Necessary to National Security

CLEAR UP CONVOY QUESTION
WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28: (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt will hold a special press conference this afternoon at which he is expected to clear up the convoy question.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28.—At the close last night of a fireside chat from the White House in the course of which he enunciated the foreign policy of the United States in the light of latest international developments in connection with the war, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that he had issued a proclamation

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Outlook for British in Crete Does Not Look Good—Capital is Abandoned

LONDON, May 28: (CP)—British troops who held Crete, the capital of Crete, have been obliged to make further withdrawal but severe fighting continues, a Cairo announcement said today. An authoritative source here indicated that the Nazis had further strengthened Crete positions and said British troops were fighting under "an appalling strain of continuous bombing from the air day and night with no let-up."

Earlier it was said that the situation was serious with German invasion forces apparently outnumbering the British-Greek defenders.

BOMBING TUNISIA

Vichy Claims That Attack Has Been Made on Town of Sfax

VICHY, May 28: (CP)—Vichy authorities claimed tonight that a British air unit had bombed the town of Sfax Tunisia this morning.

Air Mail Service To North Better

Is Increased from Twice to Three Times a Week, It is Announced

OTTAWA, May 28.—Air mail service between Edmonton and Whitehorse and from Vancouver to Fort St. John is increased from a twice-a-week to three times a week schedule.

enemy started bombing the streets of New York and San Francisco, New Orleans and Chicago. When fighting bombing airplanes and tanks it was fatal to wait until one saw the whites of the enemy's eyes. This was but old common sense. Resistance must commence while still there was time and this would be the principle of United States policy in regard to foreign policy and national defence.

Mr. Roosevelt called upon capital and industry in the emergency to settle its differences by conciliation and mediation machinery which had been set up by federal authority without interruption of industrial production.

The address was delivered in the east room of the White House in the presence of diplomatic representatives of twenty-one western hemisphere nations including Hon. Leighton McCarthy, Canadian minister.

It would be too late when the

HEAVY AXIS SHIP LOSS

Eighteen Thousand Ton Liner Is Sent To Bottom—Had Troops For Libya

LONDON, May 28: (CP)—An eighteen-thousand ton Axis liner carrying probably three thousand troops to Libya was counted sunk today in what the Admiralty called heavy new losses dealt by submarines to enemy reinforcements to North Africa. In addition, the Admiralty said that a 5,000-ton French tanker, headed toward Tripoli, was definitely sunk, a 5,000-ton transport was probably sunk and a 4,000-ton tanker was hit by torpedoes.

It is learned officially that 561 Axis ships (totalling nearly three million tons) have been sunk, captured or scuttled up to the middle of May since the war began. Of these ships 346 have been German and 215 Italian.

Fight for Right—Contribute your mite—Buy Victory Bonds!

Canadian Planes Were In Pursuit

Were Used in Tracking Down German Battleship Bismarck, it is Disclosed

OTTAWA, May 28.—Royal Canadian Air Force planes, operating from bases in Newfoundland, took part in the pursuit of the German battleship Bismarck which culminated in the vessel's destruction by the British Navy, it has been disclosed here.

Case Of Rudolf Hess Discussed

But No Further Information is Forthcoming in House of Commons

LONDON, May 28.—The case of Rudolf Hess was again discussed briefly in the House of Commons yesterday but no further information was forthcoming. A Socialist member suggested that Hess be tried for illegal entry of the country. Prime Minister Winston Churchill felt that the decision as to Hess' treatment might be left to the discretion of the government. Hess is being treated as a prisoner of war.

Vancouver Not Very Keen Over Daylight Saving

VANCOUVER, May 28:—Vancouver city council is prepared to adopt daylight saving providing the rest of Canada does likewise but not unless it is generally initiated. It is not considered essential for the shipbuilding industry.

Airport For Fort Nelson

Construction of New Flying Base in Northern British Columbia Starts

Construction has started on the new airport at Fort Nelson. This airfield is one of several being constructed in Northwestern Canada under the joint Canadian-United States air defence plan for the Pacific Coast. It is located in the remote district east of the Rocky Mountains near the Yukon boundary.

IMPORTANCE OF CANADA

The President referred frequently to Canada and its important position in continental defence and noted that the taking by Germany of Iceland with bases on Greenland would bring the war that much closer to the United States. Labrador, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia would be but stepping stones. He also mentioned the menace of Dakar and the danger of footholds on the Azores and Cape Verde Islands would constitute to the western hemisphere, both south and north.

Peace at our Price—Not Peace at any Price!

All Out to Rout—All in to Win!

War News

AXIS TAKES CRETE CAPITAL
CAIRO—The capital city of Crete, Canea, was taken by Axis forces today. This was indicated by British announcement that the defending forces had withdrawn from the city to new positions. Fierce fighting continues.

BRITISH-GERMAN AIR WAR
LONDON—Cologne bore the brunt of Royal Air Force raids on the Rhineland industrial area last night. The German Luftwaffe made light raids on East Anglia and southern England but there was little damage and casualties were light.

ANKARA—British and French fighting planes have clashed over Syria it is reported today.

Italian Division Gives Up

CAIRO, May 28: (CP)—In Ethiopia General Cafarati, commanding the 26th Italian division, has surrendered and his whole division is reported coming in.

Withdraw From Egyptian Pass

Retirement of British Troops Near Salum is Said to be Only Temporary

CAIRO, May 28: (CP)—The Middle East command announced today that British troops had temporarily withdrawn from Halfaya Pass, strategic position in Salum area on the Egyptian frontier.

King's Birthday Limited Holiday

Banks, Schools and Government Offices To Observe It But Not Stores and Industries

VICTORIA, May 28:—June 9, the day set for the observance of the King's Birthday, will be marked by the closing of banks, schools and federal, provincial and civic offices but will not affect stores, industries and such establishments.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh north winds with some scattered cloudiness but mostly fair and mild.

Girls Learning Roof-Thatching

LONDON, May 28: (CP)—Roof thatchers are greatly in demand. There are only about 200 first class thatchers in Great Britain and as many of them have joined the services their number is sadly depleted. Restoration of cottages for evacuees has led to a great boom in the trade. Women are now learning the art of thatching, instruction being given in schools established by local councils.

Queen's Air Raid Fund

A check is being sent today to the Royal Trust Company at Montreal for the sum of \$14,000 collected since the last amount of \$122,500 was forwarded. The fund will still be open and the Daily News will be glad to acknowledge and forward any amounts received.

Previously acknowledged \$12,000 Mrs. J. Connery 2.00

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SHIP IS LAUNCHED

Another Mine Sweeper Taken To Water This Afternoon With Mrs. D. J. Matheson Christening It

Third mine sweeper to be built at the local dry dock in connection with the war shipbuilding program, launching of H. M. C. S. Kelowna was carried out successfully at 2:40 this afternoon when the vessel slid safely down the slip with Mrs. D. J. Matheson, wife of the city commissioner, officiating in traditional manner at the christening while Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix D. D., Bishop of Caledonia, blessed the ship and her crew. After the launching, little Norma McDonald presented Mrs. Matheson with a beautiful bouquet.

Following the launching, there was a reception for official guests and others in the drafting office of the administration building. T. J. Boulter, superintendent of the yard, was in charge. Mrs. Matheson proposed a toast to the ship. Commander Geoffrey Borrie, naval officer in charge at Prince Rupert, responded.

Freedom Torch Is In Edmonton

Alberta Capital en Fete Yesterday as Victory Loan Symbol Goes Through

EDMONTON, May 28.—Edmonton was en fete yesterday afternoon when the Torch of Freedom in connection with the Victory Loan 1941 campaign passed through the city. Thousands of people lined the streets to witness the parade. There were patriotic decorations. The truck carrying the torch bore a banner declaring "Edmonton Helps Finish the Job."

GOV'T PAYS ALL TAXES

Cleans Up Account On Local Improvements By Sending Check For \$45,000 To City Hall

City Commissioner D. J. Matheson today announced receipt of a grant amounting to \$45,000 from the provincial government covering local improvement taxes on city lots held by the government in various parts of the city. A year or so ago a first grant of \$60,000 on this account had been made.

This now brings payment of local improvement taxes on provincially held land up to date.

Ambassador Is Returning Home

John G. Winant on His Way to United States by Transatlantic Plane

NEW YORK, May 28.—United States Ambassador John G. Winant, envoy to Great Britain, is due home Friday for a visit. He will confer with the President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Mr. Winant is flying across the Atlantic from Lisbon.

Halibut Sales

American—148,000 pounds, 10.1c and 8c to 10.3c and 8c.
Canadian—10,000 pounds, 10.2c and 7.5c.

American
Heligoland, 40,000, Booth, 10.3c and 8c.
Thor, 40,000, Royal, 10.3c and 8c.
Bonanza, 25,000, Storage, 10.2c and 8c.
Lansing, 14,000, Storage, 10.3c and 8c.
Frisco, 13,000, Pacific, 10.1c and 8c.
June, 7,000, Storage, 10.2c and 8c.
Rapid, 9,000, Storage, 10.2c and 8c.

Canadian
Mother II, 6,000, Storage, 10.2c and 7.5c.
Intend, 4,500, Atlin, 10.2c and 7.5c.

Praises Work Of Railway

Vice-President Vaughan Mentions Shipbuilding Being Carried Out At Prince Rupert

MONTREAL, May 28.—"Although Canadian Railways buy their supplies at an average of 25 per cent greater than the cost to United States lines, Canada's average per ton mile freight rate is lower than in any country in the world except Japan, where employees are paid a few cents per day," said R. C. Vaughan, vice-president, purchases, stores and steamships, Canadian National Railways, who was guest speaker at the dinner gathering of the medical and surgical section, Association of American Railroads, now in session here.

Mr. Vaughan stressed the important services performed by all Canadian railways, stating the two largest Canadian systems operate far more mileage than the largest company in the United States. For instance, operate 23,603 miles, while the largest mileage in the U.S. is that of the Santa Fe with 13,431 miles. The great amount of work being done by Canadian railways as a contribution to the war effort was dealt with by Mr. Vaughan. In this connection the shipbuilding activities of the C.N.R. were mentioned, the company having contracts for naval mine sweepers and ten large freight vessels. Speaking directly to the guests Mr. Vaughan detailed the many precautions taken by railroads to maintain employees fit and in good health, adding "The relatively few accidents due to human failures, when related to the number of passengers carried, is evidence of the efficient work being done by the medical departments of the railroads on the North American continent."

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