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War News

SINGAPORE REINFO

SINGAPORE— The fighting strength Singapore base was reinforced today by thousa ians and such great numbers of bombers and fig that neutral observers believed the balance of air po southeastern Asia had turned in Great Britain's favor. Arr of the Australians made the Malay Peninsula a veritable power house of military energy and increased confidence that the Empire is now ready to meet any threat of extension of the war to the South Pacific.

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ETHIOPIAN TOWN TAKEN

CAIRO—The strategically important Ethiopian village of Njabara, approximately 150 miles northwest of Addis Ababa, has been captured by British forces along with many prisoners, general headquarters announced. There were many casualties among the Italians. Elsewhere north of Addis Ababa, the British continue mopping up operations. In Italian Somaliland operations are progressing along the Yuba River with the Royal Air Force continuing bombing of Italian objectives. In Eritrea the siege of the important railway town of Cheren goes on.

NO PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY

LONDON—The government informed the House of Commons today that it had received a special message from Japan offering to mediate in the war and also accusing the United States and Great Britain of warlike preparations in the Pacific. Authoritative London quarters said that Britain would not "entertain peace proposals until complete victory had been gained."

ENEMY SHIPS SUNK

CAIRO—Royal Air Force dive bombers have sunk a 4,000-ton German vessel in the Mediterranean. It was being used as a supply ship by the Italians and is the first Nazi vessel to be sunk in the Mediterranean. The Air Force damaged three other Italian ships including an auxiliary cruiser.

ONLY FIT MEN NEEDED

OTTAWA—Only men in A, B1 and B2 medical categories will be affected by the first call to the colors of twenty-one year olds under the new four month training plan, it is announced. Under the call it is estimated that 6,000 men will report for training on March 20.

AUSSIES IN THOUSANDS FOR MALAY

Great Contingent Of Forces Arrive At Singapore—Ready For War With Japan

LONDON, Feb. 19: — Powerful contingents of Australian troops arrived at Singapore yesterday enroute to the Malay Peninsula to protect that quarter with its rich rubber and tin resources from possible attack. The number was not revealed although it is known there are thousands. They are mechanized units, fully and heavily equipped. Great grey transports, convoyed by naval vessells, brought them.

Great numbers of bomber and fighter planes have also been brought and may well give the British balance of air power in southeast Asia.

Meanwhile, heavy Japanese naval forces are reported to be massing in the Gulf of Siam, having come from Formosa.

It is authoritatively stated here that both Great Britain and the Dutch East Indies are ready for a showdown with Japan on the basis of declared war after the first overt act by Japan. Expectation is that there will be United States co-operation although no formal assurance of this has yet been given. All defences of Singapore and Malay are ready. Preparations have been made to disperse centres of population if necessary.

As for Japan's offer yesterday to act as mediator in present wars the answer of both Great Britain and United States appears to be that these nations are interested in deeds and not words as far as Japan is concerned.

STARVING TO DEATH

People Of Dodocanese Islands In Bad Way From British Blockade

ATHENS, Feb. 19:—According to word reaching here the people of the Italian Dodocanese Islands are starving because of the British naval blockade. They are dying at the rate of five to ten persons daily.

'LEASE-LEND OPPONENTS

Wheeler Would Make Outright Cash Available—Willkie Under Republican Fire

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 19.—Opponents of the "lease-lend" aid to Britain bill were heard in the Senate yesterday.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler said that, if United States really wanted to help Britain, the best way would be to make available two to five billion dollars in cash.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Senator Gerald P. Nye, Republicals, criticized Wendell Willkie, who was Republican candidate in the last presidential election, for his active support of the "lease-lend" measure. Both were sarcastic. Vandenberg called Willkie President Roosevelt's "clipper ambassador." Nye scornfully dubbed him "the great expert on European affairs."

Hitler Funeral; Berlin Bombing

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Recently the German radio invited suggestions from United States as to what kind of programs Americans might like to hear from the Reich. Some of the fans answered that they would like to hear Adolf Hitler's funeral. Others would like to hear the bombing of Berlin. The German radio did not air these sugestions.

FUEL LACK WILL LOSE NAZIS WAR

California Oil Expert Predicts That This Will Settle Issue Against Germany As It Did Against Italy

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19:— H. P. Bostoff, California oil expert, predicts that a fuel shortage will bring about the defeat of Germany as it contributed to that of Italy.

Germany was dependent for her raw fuel supplies on Rumanian and Polish wells. Bostoff said. Should these be destroyed by British bombing, then Germany would have to depend upon her inadequate synthetic oil production within the Reich or upon what might be obtained from Russia.

CASUALTIES IN BRITAIN

Twenty-Three Thousand Have Been Killed And Thirty-Two Thousand Injured

LONDON, Feb. 19:— Since the Battle of Britain began early last fall, 23,000 Britons have been killed and 32,000 injured, according to official round figures.

PREMIER IS HERE

Mr. Pattullo in City to Meet Constituents and Address Public Meeting

Paying one of his periodical visits to his constituency, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Premier of British Columbia and Member of the Legislature for Prince Rupert, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Victoria, accompanied by his secretary, Ben Hethey. Mr. Pattullo will address a public meeting tonight and will sail Thursday night on his return south.

Choosing to reserve public statements for the meeting he will address tonight, Premier Pattullo would not be drawn out this morning in regard to the imminence of a provincial election. He would make no statement as to when it was likely a contest would be held.

As for local road work, the Premier expressed the belief that construction of the Skeena River highway might soon be undertaken as a national undertaking. It was the intention of the province to give attention this year to Queen Charlotte Island roads.

PEACE IS DEMANDED BY HITLER

Wants Italy And Greece To Lay Down Arms—If Not, Invasion Threatened

BELGRADE, Feb. 19:—Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany, according to information in authorative quarters, has demanded that Italy and Greece stop fighting at once. Failing to comply, Greece is threatened with invasion. German planes are already reported to be flying daily over Greece.

Through Germany, according to reports, Italy has already begun overtures to Greece for peace. With Nazi troops already approaching her northern frontier by way of Bulgaria and YugoSlavia, Greece may have little alternative but to accept unless the British send an expeditionary force now that Turkey has agreed with Bulgaria to stay out of war.

Several weeks might be required, it is said, before the British could send forces from North Africa.

Meanwhile German war materials are reported to be moving through YugoSlavia and Bulgaria.

Istanbul, Turkey, newspapers praise the Turko-Bulgarian non-aggression treaty as assuring peace for the Balkans, the only danger to this peace now being the concentration of German troops in Rumania.

READY FOR INVASION

First Lord of Admiralty Warns That Great Assault by Hitler is Due

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, last night warned Britons against over-confidence and urged them to be prepared for a supreme struggle. It should be realized, he said, that Adolf Hitler had been preparing for a formidable attack backed by his great military machine and with the element of surprise. In other words, Britain should be ready to meet a large scale invasion attempt.

Predicting victory eventually under grand leadership and through the strong will of the people, Alexander said that "we now hold the initiative in the Mediterranean and shall continue to maintain it."

BRITISH TO BE TRAPPED?

"Vast New Developments" In Mediterranean Forecast By Fascist Newspaper

ROME, Feb. 19:—"Vast new developments" in the Mediterranean area are forecast by the authoritative Fascist newspaper Vox Popolo. The British may find themselves trapped in North Africa. This is supposedly taken to mean a blow in the western Mediterranean, possibly against Gibraltar.

More Italian troops have been called to the colors.

Hard Surfacing Of All Roads In Province Asked

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19:— After hearing an address by Hon. W. J. Asselstine, minister of mines and natural resources, who stated that some $2,000,000 would be spent on roads this year, a local road and tourist organization asked that all arterial highways in the province be hard surfaced as soon as possible.

Wendell Willkie To Visit Coast

VICTORIA, Feb. 18.— Wendell Willkie is expected to visit Victoria in May for the Rotary International convention. The Vancouver Board of Trade is inviting Mr. Willkie to Vancouver.

Ships And Planes Are Being Banned

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 19.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt last night issued a decree forbidding commercial shipping or aircraft to enter United States defence outposts in Alaska, Hawaii and elsewhere in the Pacific area.

AIR MAIL CONTRACT

Renewal Is Announced — Three Trips Daily Between Montreal And Vancouver Planned

OTTAWA, Feb. 19:—The federal government has renewed the air mail contract with TransCanada Air Lines. The Montreal-Vancouver service is to be increased from two to three trips daily.

United States In War or Nearly So

Secretary of Commerce Asks His Comments to be Stricken from Records

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 19.—Speaking before the House banking committee yesterday, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones made the remark that United States "is in the war or nearly in it." Later he asked that these words be stricken from the records.

Bulletins

OTTAWA — Well informed sources have said an increase of ten cents a day in pay is under consideration for recruits called up for four months military training. It would bring the pay of the recruits to $1.30 a day, the scale of the active army.

EXPORTS RESTRICTED

LONDON—The British government is prohibiting exports from the United Kingdom to the South American countries of Chili, Brazil, Colombia and Peru except on special permit.

B.C. EXPENDITURES

VICTORIA— The British Columbia budget will require $33,000,000 for expenditures during the coming year, it is estimated. The increase is due to assuming new relief cost responsibilities following the withdrawal of the federal government.

LEADER IS CRITICAL

Hon. R. B Hanson Thinks Government Should Cut Down Expenditures

OTTAWA, Fef. 19.—A measure of inflation may become necessary later in the war but at present it would be a false move, the Opposition leader in the House of Commons, Hon. R. B. Hanson, declared in the House of Commons today. He expressed disappointment at the small reduction of the ordinary costs of government, saying that in 1941-42 the civil estimates showed a deduction of some eighteen million dollars against the current year but in this figure fifteen million was represented by the fact that no provision was required for the Canadian National Railways deficit.

Mr. Hanson suggested that the taking of the decennial census arranged for this year, should be postponed as an economy measure.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Bar silver is unchanged at 23¼ pence per ounce on the London metal market today.

TAKES HALF OF INCOME

Minister of Finance Gives an Idea Of Huge War Cost

OTTAWA, Feb. 19: (CP)— Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley told the House of Commons yesterday that the Canadian people would have to meet war and normal government costs in the fiscal year 1941-1942 amounting to more than half the estimated naional income of all the people of Canada which is estimated at five billion three hundred thousand dollars. He estimated Canada's expenditures during the present fiscal year at $875,000,000.

WILL MILK YUGOSLAVIA

Reich To Get Larger Share Of Balkan Nation's Agricultural Production

BELGRADE. Feb. 19:—In addition to consent to move German troops through YugoSlavia, Chancellor Adolf Hitler, at his conference with the prime minister and foreign minister of YugoSlavia, received, it is reported, assurance that Germany would get a larger share of this country's agricultural production.

Canadians Urged To Leave Orient

Suggested That All Those Who Do Not Have To Stay Return to Dominion

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The Canadian government is urging all Canadians whose affairs do not make it imperative for them to remain there to return home from the Orient.

Food Parcels To Prisoners Being Doubled

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—Norman Somerville K.C. of Toronto, here for the British Columbia Red Cross convention, states that parcels of food for British prisoners of war in Germany will be doubled from the present 10,000 per week.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .04.
Bralorne, 9.60.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.65.
Dentonia, .01 (ask).
Fairview, .01.
Gold Belt, .25.
Hedley Mascot, .55 (ask).
Noble Five, .00½ (ask).
Pacific Nickel, .04.
Pend Oreille, 1.45.
Pioneer, 2.00.
Premier, .82.
Privateer, .46.
Reeves McDonald, .10.
Reno, .10.
Relief Arlington, .02¾.
Salmon Gold, .01.
Sheep Creek, .75.

Oils

A. P. Con., .08.
Calmont, .17.
C. & E., 1.10 (bid).
Home, 1.75.
Pacalta, .04½ (ask).
Royal Canadian, .10½ (ask).
Okalta, .50.
Mercury, .04.
Prairie Royalties, .07½.

Toronto

Aldermac, .11.
Beattie, 1.05.
Central Pat., 1.67.
Cons. Smelters, 35.00.
East Malartic, 2.58.
Fernland, .04.
Francoeur, .36.
Gods Lake, .30.
Hardrock, .75.
Int. Nickel, 31.½.
Kerr Addison, 3.10.
Little Long Lac, 1.75.
McLeod Cockshutt, 1.78.
Madsen Red Lake, .54.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.13.
Moneta, .48.
Noranda, 50.00.
Pickle Crow, 2.67.
Preston East Dome, 2.75.
San Antonio, 2.18.
Sherritt Gordon, .69.
Uchi, .27.
Bouscadillac, .02.
Mosher, .04½.
Oklend, .05.
Smelters Gold, .01.
Dominion Bridge, 24.00.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert— Light variable winds, fair and mild with light frost at night.

STERLING ADVANCING

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The British pound sterling advanced to $4.03¼ on the New York foreign exchange market today.

General McRae Named Chairman

Vancouver Senator Will Head National War Services Drive for $5,000,000

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—Senator A. D. McRae of Vancouver has been named chairman of the national committee on the war services campaign to be conducted on behalf of the Canadian Legion, Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association and Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire. The objective is $5,000,000.

Contract For Salvaging Of U.S. Vessel

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—A. C. Burdick, president of the Pacific Salvage Company, confirmed that the company had received the cantract to salvage the United States army transport Kvichak and deliver her to the dry dock at Prince Rupert.

COLD WAVE BEING FELT

Thirty Below Zero Is Recorded In Winnipeg—Ontario Also Chilly

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19:— A cold wave is sweeping over Manitoba and Western Ontario. Winnipeg has recorded thirty below zero and northwestern Ontario fourteen below.

Vancouver Fire Loss For Year Is Record Low

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19.—Vancouver fire loss for the year 1940 was $200,000, the lowest since 1912 when fire loss records were started to be kept.

SEA LOSS IS LOWER

Enemy Got Only 29,000 Tons During Week Ending February 9

LONDON, Feb. 19:—British shipping losses by enemy action during the week ending February 9 were less than half of the average at 29,000 tons, it is announced. At the same time it is announced that German shipping losses since the war began have amounted to two million tons.

BOMB SUEZ. NO DAMAGE

Enemy Planes Attack Canal Area But Achieve No Results

PORT SAID, Feb. 19:—The Suez Canal area was bombed by enemy planes yesterday. There were no casualties and no damage.

Finances Of Saskatchewan

Improvement in Prairie Province's Financial Situation Recorded

REGINA, Feb. 19.—An improvement in Saskatchewan provincial finances is announced. Revenue for the year ending February 15 is placed at $18,350,000.

Rehabilitation Committee For B. C. Is Named

VICTORIA, Feb. 19:—A provincial sub-committee of Hon. G. S. Pearson, minister of labor, Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, and Hon. A. Wells Gray, minister of lands, has been appointed by Premier T. D. Pattullo to co-operate with a federal committee in plans for the rehabilitation of ex-service men.

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The price of copper was .08c higher at 11.65c per pound on the New York metal market today.

Premier T. D. Pattullo Will Address a

Public Meeting

IN THE MOOSE HALL AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

The Rowell-Sirois Report Will Be Fully Discussed

EVERYBODY WELCOME