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Banting's Fate Is Mystery

ADOLF HITLER... INQUIRING BENITO... ROME—The African campaign but announced arrival of German armored detachments in Sicily and Libya. He boasted that whatever happens, will march with Germany to the east. He announced a new Italian offensive against the Greeks and what he called a small minority of Italian "weepers, howlers and snakes." He said that Italian morale cannot be broken and that the Axis was certain to defeat Great Britain and Greece.

ANTI-NAZI BLOC LONDON—Great Britain is reported to be attempting the formation of a Turkish, Greek, Yugo-Slav bloc to halt the Nazi campaign in the Balkans. From Egypt and East Africa, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, British army chief-of-staff, will proceed to Ankara, Athens and Belgrade next week.

SEVEN ITALIAN SHIPS SUNK LONDON—The British Admiralty announces that submarines have sunk seven Italian supply ships in the Mediterranean.

MATTER OF HOURS LONDON—Authoritative sources said today that the moving of the Nazis into Bulgaria may be only a matter of hours.

LITTLE ACTION IN AFRICA CAIRO—Little action is reported today on the African front. Nazi pilots are reported active in North Africa. Only local action is reported on the Albanian front.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN LONDON—Flights of the Royal Air Force and the German Luftwaffe were almost at a standstill during Saturday night. There was but little activity by the enemy over England. A few bombs were dropped in northeast Scotland and eastern England soon after dark. There was a resumption of air combat Sunday night with the Nazis over London and Hull and the British striking at invasion bases.

ARMISTICE EXPIRING HONG KONG—The armistice between French Indo-China and Thailand expires Tuesday and it is expected hostilities may be resumed. Japan, it is felt, may take advantage of the situation to strike southward.

GREAT GREEK OFFENSIVE ATHENS—The Greeks are now mopping up after concluding a smashing seven-day offensive against the Italians in Albania. Thirteen hundred prisoners were captured and important positions were taken. Yesterday Royal Air Force bombers attacked Italian munition dumps and supply stores in Albania and three Fascist planes were brought down.

HITLER IN PEP TALK TO NAZIS

Repeats Old Line in Munich Beer Hall—Threatens Britain With More Intensive U-boat Warfare

MUNICH, Feb. 24: (CP)—Chancellor Adolf Hitler, in an emotional address to the German people, said today that Germany would unleash a new type of submarine into "extended warfare" next month. "They will find out in March and April that German-Italian co-operation will mean to them," Hitler shouted. "Our battles at sea can only begin now. The reason was that we wanted to school the new U-boat crews for the battle to come."

Hitler was speaking on the anniversary of Nazism. He spoke in the famous beer hall where the original Nazi movement commenced in 1919. The beer hall was redecorated to make it look as much as possible like the original. Der Fuehrer gave his oration while standing at an old wooden table under a wastika.

"Wherever British ships appear," declared Hitler "Nazi submarines will destroy them." He claimed that 115,000 tons of enemy shipping had been sunk within the last two days including 90,000 tons of warships. There would be much more than this from April on.

GAS TEST IN LONDON

If Hitler Depends Upon This For Invasion, He is Due for Failure, it is Agreed

LONDON, Feb. 24.—If Adolf Hitler depends upon a gas attack for a successful invasion he is doomed to failure, Londoners felt today following a gas attack protection rehearsal which was pronounced to have been very successful. The Pimlico section, already badly wrecked by air bombing, was selected for the test. A harmless but very distasteful gas was released but the anti-gas measures functioned smoothly and effectively. There were twenty "casualties" the experiment was most realistic.

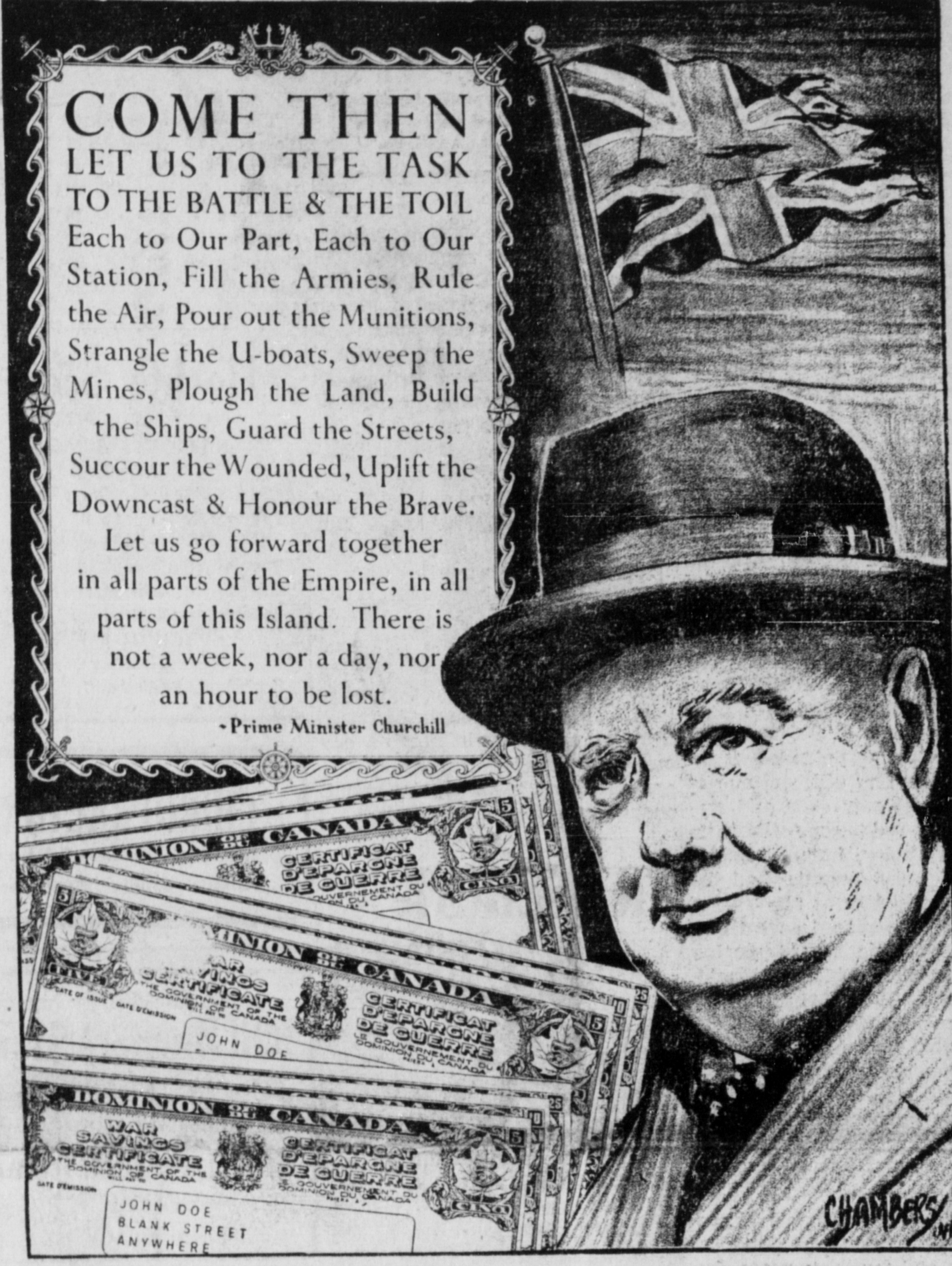
WILL PASS THIS WEEK

"Lend-Lease" Bill is Expected to be Ratified by United States Senate in Few Days

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 24.—The United States Senate resumed debate on the "Lend-Lease" "Aid to Britain" bill today and by the end of the week it is expected that a vote will be taken. Although administration leaders anticipate that the measure will be carried by at least a two-to-one margin, it is expected that some amendments may be agreed upon. One such amendment may be that which has been proposed by Wendell Willkie that aid be confined to Great Britain, Greece and China instead of giving the President a free hand to extend aid to any nation he sees fit.

Talk of a filibuster is still heard in some opposition quarters. It was declared today that the administration plans to convoy merchant ships with cargoes to Great Britain.

Arvid Sandhals and George Simons returned to the city on the Catala last night from Victoria where they recently took a course of military training.



COME THEN LET US TO THE TASK TO THE BATTLE & THE TOIL Each to Our Part, Each to Our Station, Fill the Armies, Rule the Air, Pour out the Munitions, Strangle the U-boats, Sweep the Mines, Plough the Land, Build the Ships, Guard the Streets, Succour the Wounded, Uplift the Downcast & Honour the Brave. Let us go forward together in all parts of the Empire, in all parts of this Island. There is not a week, nor a day, nor an hour to be lost.

-Prime Minister Churchill

BRITISH ADVANCE

Important Ground Continues To Be Gained Over Italians In Somaliland, Eritrea And Ethiopia

CAIRO, Feb. 24: (CP)—British general headquarters announced today that the British advance in the whole area east of Juba River in Italian Somaliland is developing successfully. Further crossings of the river have been made and the British announce the capture of Margherita and the important port of Felib, both north of occupied Chisimaio, along with many prisoners and war supplies. Royal Air Force headquarters announced that eight Italian planes had been destroyed and several others seriously damaged in an attack by British planes yesterday on the Eritrean port of Makale. Advancing in a pincers movement, British and Free French forces are gaining ground on the important Eritrean railway centre of Cheren, which has been on objective for some time. The British are being assisted by Senegalese troops from French Equatorial Africa. An important Ethiopian town on the upper Nile has just been taken. The Royal Air Force continues generally active in the African campaign.

Three Billion More Is Asked

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 24: President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress today for an additional three billion dollars for national defence purposes for the balance of the current fiscal year.

Bulletins

ALFONSO STILL LIVES ROME—King Alfonso, the former monarch of Spain, clings to life today although all hope for recovery has been abandoned and extreme unction of the Roman Catholic Church was given Saturday night. Following the last series of heart and respiratory attacks Friday, physicians report Alfonso's condition unchanged. He cannot lie down but has to be seated. Relatives stay constantly beside him, awaiting the end.

BEAVERBROOK TALKS LONDON—Lord Beaverbrook, in a radio address to Canada yesterday, said that German bombers had lost their terror for England. All damage to industry had been repaired and plants were far better protected today than previously. The greatest need was for food and weapons. He urged that the seas be searched for ships.

MANY PLEDGES MADE OTTAWA—Minister of Finance Isley said that more than one million Canadians had so far pledged themselves to buy war savings certificates regularly. This is half of the objective. Many places had made enviable records for pledges. Among these was Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island, which had an allotment of 250 pledges but made 1100.

JAPAN'S WARNING TOKYO—Co-incidental with a warning to Great Britain and United States to call a halt to "offensive" military activity in the Far East, Nichi Nichi newspaper boasted today that Japan, if necessary, could destroy Singapore and Guam with a single blow.

LONDON SILVER LONDON, Feb. 24:—Price of silver on the London metal market is unchanged today at 23 3/4c.

AIR RAIDS EXCHANGED

Royal Air Force Strikes Boulogne and Calais—Nazi Attack on London and Hull

LONDON, Feb. 24: (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers hit again during the night at familiar targets along the invasion coast, raiding Boulogne for the seventy-fourth time and Calais for the sixty-first. Large fires were seen after the British planes had blasted the invasion ports. Hostile war planes appeared over East Anglia today after attacks last night which were centred on London and the East Coast. London suffered very little damage, not very many bombs being dropped. Hull, however, was quite heavily hit and there were at least two persons killed with considerable property damage. Other sections of England were also lightly struck. There were several dog fights over the English Channel yesterday as the British fighters held off the Nazi attacks. For an hour today long range British and German guns engaged in a long range duel across the Straits of Dover.

Arrangements For Athlone's Visit

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Hon. E. W. Hamber, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, is a visitor in Ottawa in connection with the making of arrangements for the visit this summer to British Columbia of the Governor General, the Earl of Athlone, and Princess Alice.

ROOSEVELT AT HYDE PARK WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt took the week-end off at Hyde Park. With him is Harry Hopkins who returned recently from a trip to England as the chief executive's personal envoy.

Missing Plane Located But Information About Survivors Still Lacking

At Least One Member of Party Believed Alive—Search Machine is Now On Way to Scene to Investigate

OTTAWA, February 24: (CP)—Hon. Clarence D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, announced today that a military plane in which Sir Frederick Banting was reported missing had been located. The minister said he had no direct word of survivors but a message had been written on the snow near the grounded machine, indicating that some one had survived.

ENEMY IS BEAT OFF

Bombers Ineffectual Against British Convoy In Mediterranean—Hospital Ship Escapes

WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET, Feb. 24: (CP)—British warships this week-end beat off attempts by German bombers to smash a group of convoyed ships and safely escorted them to a Central Mediterranean port. German low-level raiders thrice attacked fleet units. Withering barrages of anti-aircraft fire aided Navy fighter planes which accounted for five on my planes. The Admiralty today announced the sinking by enemy action of the armed trawler H. M. S. Ormand. Announcement is also made of a direct attack having been made in the Mediterranean by German dive bombers on the clearly marked hospital ship Dorsetshire. Twice attacks were made but the vessel escaped being hit. Seven Italian supply ships have been sunk and an eighth left in a sinking condition following an attack by British submarines.

The plane was located on a point of land on the direct route between Canada and Botwood, Newfoundland. It was at first feared that the plane might have fallen into the sea or crashed on the Maritimes coast. A search plane capable of landing at the scene has been sent to investigate.

At Montreal officials announced that a man had been seen on the Newfoundland coast and it was believed he was Capt. Joseph Creighton Mackey who was in charge of the military plane carrying Banting which had been missing since Friday. Others on board were Navigator William Bird of Kidderminster, England, and William Snailham of Bedford, Nova Scotia.

With the rank of major, Banting, who became world famous through being the discoverer of insulin for the treatment of diabetes, has been chairman of the committee on aviation medicine.

TURKEY TO FIGHT FOR INTEGRITY

Sends Note of Warning to Bulgaria in Regard to Position—Balkans Atmosphere Still Tense

ANKARA, Feb. 24:—The foreign minister of Turkey has warned Bulgaria that Turkey will go to war if there is any aggression against Turkish territorial integrity or independence. Turkey cannot remain indifferent to foreign activity in any Turkish "zone of neutrality." The suggestion seems to be that Bulgaria is regarded as such a "zone of integrity." The Turkish foreign minister also announced that Turkey is prepared to stand by her alliance with Great Britain.

While there is no official confirmation of continued reports of infiltration of German forces into Bulgaria, there are increasing signs of the spread of Nazi influence and control. Traffic has been stopped on roads around Sofia and anti-Nazis are being rounded up. Measures of preparedness for war are being rushed. King Boris is reported to recognize that Bulgaria is "at the mercy of developments."

SOFIA CAFE SEES SCENE

Clash Between United States Minister to Bulgaria and Nazi Military Officer

SOFIA, Feb. 24.—There was a scene in a Sofia cafe yesterday between George H. Earle, United States minister to Bulgaria, and a German military officer. At the request of Earle, the cafe orchestra played "Tipperary." The German officer remonstrated and Earle asked why he should not have made the request. A champagne bottle was hurled at Earle. Later the German officer was seen with his face bound up.

Eleven Days Of Sunshine

Today's cloudy weather ends eleven straight days of bright sunshine in Prince Rupert. During that entire period skies have been cloudless and the sun has not been obstructed for a single moment. There have been 84 hours of consecutive sunshine except for the night breaks. This is an average of 6.7 hours per day.

NINE ARE DROWNED

Truck, loaded with Ice Cutters, Crashes Into St. Lawrence River LONGUEUIL, Quebec, Feb. 24: (CP)—Nine men were drowned today when a truck loaded with ice cutters crashed through St. Lawrence River ice near here.

POUND STERLING

NEW YORK, Feb. 24:—The British pound sterling is firmer on the New York foreign exchange market, being quoted today at \$4.03 1/2.

NEW YORK COPPER NEW YORK, Feb. 24:—Copper price was .18c higher on the New York metal market today with May at 11.80c per pound.