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Tomorrow's Tides

High	7:55 a.m.	18.6 ft.
	20:02 p.m.	16.8 ft.
Low	0:57 a.m.	6.3 ft.
	13:50 p.m.	9.0 ft.

Lull In Desert Fighting Is Reported

WHAT'S BEHIND RUSSIA'S GRIM DEFENCE STAND IN RESISTANCE TO NAZIS?

Leader Foresaw German Assault and Girded For It With Forced Training and Diligent Creation.

Written for The Canadian Press
By CARLETON J. KETCHUM

LONDON, Nov. 25: — Russia's remarkable performance in her war with Germany has astounded the world. Two or three outstanding factors should be stressed in accounting for the formidability of her defence. The first is the fact that soon after the revolution and with the advent of the first formal Congress of the Soviets—the Parliament of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics now known as the Supreme Soviet—Russia adopted a system of compulsory military training for the entire population of the Union.

Under this system every youth reaching the age of 18 if graduated from high school and 19 if not was required to present himself for a period of military training and report regularly in the years thereafter—once or twice a year—in case he might be required for the regular standing army. This system created a vast reserve army, ranging in strength from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 men.

Russia in the First Great War held Germany at bay for 3½ years with only 12,000,000 men. She entered that conflict entirely unprepared and with an extremely small army. Yet despite the fact that Germany had then a powerful navy at her disposal and Russia's capital of that day—St. Petersburg, later Petrograd and then Leningrad—stood at the mouth of the Neva River on the sea within easy striking distance from Germany, Russia's "steamroller" resisted every assault launched upon it until it was given the 'cease fire' order by its high command led by the czar.

Then and Now

Russia's capital today is Moscow, many miles inland and so ringed round by fortifications that it has shown itself to be a capital city almost impregnable.

Russia apprehended the present war of revenge by Germany as far back as 1922 and in her earliest constitutions not only made provision for compulsory military training for all her young manhood but created a powerful standing army and air force which she equipped with all the most modern implements of war.

While France was building her Maginot Line designed, unsuccessfully, to render that country immune from a new invasion Russia was building Stalin Lines, one after the other. Then in 1928 when she had accumulated financial resources sufficient to bear the burden of the cost she launched her first gigantic Five-Year Industrialization Plan calculated to make the union industrially independent of all outside nations within five years.

Under the provisions of the first and later of the second Five Year Industrialization Plan Russia created a formidable chain of factories; factories which produced airplanes, tanks, all calibres of heavy and light artillery, machine-guns and even ships of war. These two Five-Year plans, executed by virtue of a high tempo of production, to which millions of men and women contributed, gave Russia almost complete industrial independence by the summer of 1933. Thus the U.S.S.R. became in that year thoroughly competent to defend her territory of 8,000,000 square miles against any would-be invader.

The complete unity of Russia's total population of 180,000,000 citizens is another factor to be stressed in explaining her achievements in this war. Until the revolution Russia knew a population divided by 150 nationalities; 150 different religions and more than 150 languages and dialects.

There is today universal compulsory education which means that every child by law must attend school for at least seven years. Education is given only in one language which means that all divisions of language have disappeared.

Those are the principal factors which explain why Russia has been able to hold back Hitler's hordes of steel-helmeted marauders. Stalin has at his disposal almost an unlimited reservoir of well-trained manpower. He commands an enormous industrial production machine which, augmented by the supplies now being rushed to him by Great Britain and the United States, will be able to serve the needs of his battling armies for an indefinite period in the future.

Snow, faithful ally of the Russian people throughout the ages, has now come to the aid of that gallant union of 180,000,000 people. Does history repeat itself? Will Hitler be compelled as Napoleon was compelled to acknowledge Moscow as his nemesis? The next few weeks should furnish the answer to those two questions.

50 MILES AWAY NOW

Nazi Drive Appears To Be Drawing Nearer To Soviet Capital Of Moscow

Rostov Battle

Germans Claimed to Have Been Driven Back 62 Miles in Ukraine.

LONDON, Nov. 25: — German forces, continuing their fierce drive towards this Soviet capital city, has reached a point within thirty-one miles of it last night, according to German claims. Moscow, admitting further advances by the Nazis, placed the distance away at 51 miles.

Nazi armies in the north were admitted today to have cut into the flank of the Moscow defence arc and reached a point fifty miles from the capital at the rail town of Klin.

Russians in underground casements were killed when the casements were dynamited by the enemy. Using an army of 500.000 men, Germany has broken through the first line of defences of Moscow and is hammering at the second.

The Nazis are also striking hard at Leningrad and Rostov.

On the Ukraine front, Soviet dispatches announced today, a powerful Russian counter-offensive west of Rostov-on-Don had hurled the Germans back sixty-two miles and indicated a furious attempt to recapture Rostov.

LANDED IN NORMANDY

British Patrol Goes Ashore On French Coast and Returns Home Safely.

LONDON, Nov. 25: —The Ministry of Information announced today that a small British patrol was landed on the Normandy coast Sunday night and returned complete with the only casualty a man who had been struck in the arm by a machine gun bullet.

The statement derided the German claim that on the night of November 24 the "British attempted to land on the French Channel coast with several boats, the German coastal protection repulsing them with heavy losses."

The ministry said that the Germans were betraying anxiety about British intentions.

THAILAND MOBILIZES

All Armed Forces Are Called Out to Resist Possible Japanese Attack Soon.

BANGKOK, Nov. 25:—Thailand has ordered complete mobilization of all her armed forces which would indicate that the authorities expect it will be necessary soon to resist a Japanese attack.

BIG FORCE IN BRITAIN

No Less Than 100,000 Canadian Soldiers Are Now In Old Land

LONDON, Nov. 25:— With the arrival of the fifth (armored) division in England, there are now more than 100,000 members of the Canadian armed forces in Great Britain.

Major General E. W. Sansom is in command of the fifth division included in which are fifty-six nursing sisters from Nova Scotia.

The new arrivals will soon be getting five days' landing leave to which they are looking forward.

Admiral Critical

LONDON, Nov. 25: (CP)—Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, who recently was relieved of command of shock and invasion troops he had trained, today criticized "a negative power which controls the war machine in Whitehall." Making his attack in the House of Commons, Sir Roger, who had been called from retirement to train shock troops, declared, if his men had been allowed to act a year ago, they "might have electrified the world and altered the whole course of the war."

Thirteen Nations Sign New Anti-Comintern Pact; Will Wage War Upon Bolshevism

BERLIN, Nov. 25: (CP)—The German-sponsored anti-comintern pact was broadened today to include thirteen signatories and was renewed for a five-year period. Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Croatia, Rumania and Slovakia were signed up by representatives in a demonstration at the Reichschancellory and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop read a telegram from the president of the Japanese-puppet Nanking regime of China that his government also joined. The new members joined Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Hungary and Manchoukuo in an agreement described by the Berlin press as aimed against "all destructive powers which directly or indirectly support Bolshevism."

EVACUATION POWERS ARE OF TOBRUK IN SESSION

Relieved Australians Say They Could Have Held Out for Another Year.

LONDON, Nov. 25: — The Australian brigadier, who was in command of the forces which not only resisted the siege but kept up a steady attack from Tobruk during 194 days before being evacuated at the week-end, says that his forces could have held out for another year. Indeed, some of them were not so happy about the relief.

British, Poles and Indians have now been stationed at Tobruk to replace the Australians after their grand defence which was aided by the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force.

The transfer of troops was effected by ships without a single casualty.

British Forces Move to Canada

Movement of Troops Has Not Been All in One Direction, It Is Revealed.

LONDON, Nov. 25:—While Canadian forces have been arriving in large numbers in Great Britain, there has been quite a large movement of British soldiers in the reverse direction to Canada.

Jap Liner Is Coming Over

Tatuta Maru Is About to Sail for Another Voyage to San Francisco.

TOKYO, Nov. 25:—The Japanese liner Tatuta Maru will sail before the end of the month on another voyage to San Francisco. This is taken to indicate that no break in relations between Japan and United States is anticipated for a month at least.

A.B.C.D. Nations Meet Again in Washington to Discuss Japanese Situation.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 25:—Representatives of Great Britain, United States, Australia, China and the Netherlands East Indies were in session again last night to discuss relations with Japan. No further actual progress has yet been made in the negotiations between United States and Japan with a view to possible agreement on issues in the Pacific.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	.16½
Bralorne	10.35
Cariboo Quartz	2.05
Hedley Mascot	.43
Pend Oreille	1.62
Pioneer	2.20
Premier	.66
Privateer	.48
Reno	.12
Sheep Creek	.88
Oils	
Calmont	.16
C. & E.	1.10 B
Home	2.40
Royal Canadian	.44¼
Toronto	
Beattie	1.03
Central Patricia	1.42
Consolidated Smelters	38.50
Hardrock	.68
Kerr Addison	4.60
Little Long Lac	1.55
McLeod Cockshutt	1.96
Madsen Red Lake	.54
McKenzie Red Lake	1.06
Moneta	.30
Pickle Crow	2.65
Preston East Dome	3.05
San Antonio	2.21
Sherritt Gordon	.91

LIKES 'EM FRIED

President Roosevelt is fond of fried potatoes.

LOST TO NAZIS, 1940

Belgium gained her independence from the Netherlands in 1831.

War News

AXIS ADMITS REVERSE

ROME—Axis sources themselves disclose that the extreme left British wing has swept westward a total of more than two hundred miles since the beginning of the Libyan invasion while the right wing had effected the capture of Gambut. This deep penetration of a southernmost column was disclosed in an Italian communique revealing the fall of an Italian garrison north of Gialo oasis. The British in this area, it appeared, were beating toward the Gulf of Sirte, well below the major Axis port of Bengasi.

RAIDS ON ENGLAND

LONDON—Two German bombers were brought down Sunday during raids on scattered parts of England.

NIPPON IS FOR PEACE

Said in Shanghai That She Would Go So Far As to Break With Axis to Stay Friendly With U.S.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 25:—Some observers in Shanghai, this great origin place of international rumors, believe that Japan would go so far as to break off her relations with the Rome-Berlin Axis in order to preserve peace with the United States.

Axis Partners To Meet Soon

Representatives of France, Germany and Italy to Confer Near Berlin.

PARIS, Nov. 25: — Representatives of Vichy France, Germany, Italy and Spain will meet near here within twenty-four hours to discuss plans for further Axis collaboration. Spanish Foreign Minister Sunear arrived here yesterday and Italian Foreign Minister Sunear arrived yesterday.

Local Companies Are Incorporated

Gordon & Anderson Ltd. and Prince Rupert Truck & Equipment Co. Take Out Papers.

Two Prince Rupert company incorporations are announced in the latest issue of the British Columbia Gazette. One is Gordon & Anderson Limited with capitalization of $50,000, and the other Prince Rupert & Equipment Co. Ltd., with capitalization of $10,000.

Bulletins

YANKS IN GUIANA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House announced Monday that a contingent of American troops would move into Dutch Guiana to protect valuable bauxite mines which supply the United States with large quanities of raw aluminum. The movement of troops into Guiana is in co-operation with the Netherlands and Brazil governments. The American troops, it is stated, will be withdrawn 'as soon as the danger to the mines is removed."

CUBA WILL GO IN

HAVANA—President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba predicted Sunday that the United States would be in the war by next spring and added: "When the United States declares war, Cuba will be the first nation to enter war on her side."

CIANO IN BERLIN

BERLIN—Count Ciano, Italian foreign minister, has arrived in Berlin to confer with Nazi authorities.

OPTIMISM NOT WARRANTED

TOKYO — A new communication was sent Monday by Tokyo to the Japanese emissaries in Washington but their contents were not disclosed. Domei (Japanese) News Agency said "optimism is not warranted."

GERMANS RECAPTURED

SUDBURY — Three German prisoners, who escaped from an internment camp near here were recaptured. They were huddled in a railway shed.

Battle of Libya—

ALL ENEMY FORCES IN TANK BOUT

Fighting Fierce And Casualties On Both Sides Heavy—British Columns Continue Advancing

CAIRO, Nov. 25:—Enemy forces have thrown all their reserves into action in the big tank battle south of Tobruk. Fighting is fierce and casualties on both sides are heavy. Within an area of about forty square miles the British and Axis tanks are locked in battle.

Meanwhile British columns continue their advance westward, some far into Cirenaica and one within four miles of joining up with the forces operating out of Tobruk. The Royal Air Force keeps in continual action in co-operation with the ground forces.

According to latest communique the great tank battle, which has been raging for three days on an undefined desert battlefield near Rezegh, began to die down today as forces of both sides were reduced by heavy casualties. Infantry fighting in this region, ten miles to the southeast of Tooruk, was intensified, however, as the British poured reinforcements into the fray. There was no evidence of fresh troops being sent into battle by the Germans who are being gradually cut off from supplies by the swift British drive westward along the Mediterranean coast.

Vegetables Are Not Included

OTTAWA, Nov. 25: (C)—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced yesterday that the general price ceiling going into effect in Canada next Monday will not apply "for the present at least" to fresh fruits, vegetables and green products.

HER DEATH REGRETTED

Mrs. S. C. Thomson Passes Away Today After Brief But Critical Illness

After a brief but critical illness, death came early this morning at the Prince Rupert General Hospital to Mrs. Adele Bremner Thomson, wife of Sidney C. Thomson, prominent local business man. She had been a patient in the hospital for only five days. Her passing will be deeply regretted by her wide circle of friends for she was well known and highly esteemed.

Mrs. Thomson was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the daughter of a former collector of customs there. A school teacher, she came here from Coldstream in the Vernon district and, prior to her marriage, was a member of the teaching staff of Seal Cove School. She was married to Mr. Thomson in 1929. She was a member of the Women's Canadian Club and very popular in social circles.

In addition to the widower, deceased is survived by a daughter, Frances Thomson, an a brother, Gerald Bremner, in New York.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

BRIGHT TWO IN ONE

Stainless steel is a combination of nickel and chrome.