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All Canadians Are Asked To Help

CLOSE ON JAPANESE

Great Nipponese Offensive Collapse And Chinese Turn Tables

HONG KONG, Feb. 3.—A great Japanese offensive in southern Honan Province, aimed at surrounding 100,000 Chinese troops and controlling an important railway line, has collapsed. The Japanese force itself is now being closed in on by the Chinese.

Italy To Carry On Even Though Losing Colonies

ROME, Feb. 3.—Even if she is forced to abandon all her colonies, Italy will carry on the present war policy, a Fascist spokesman announces in admitting the fall of Derna to the British.

NO SESSION IS NEEDED

Neither Should Ottawa Conference Failure Affect Election Plan, Says Pattullo

VICTORIA, Feb. 3.—Premier T. D. Pattullo sees no necessity of Calling a special session of the legislature as a result of the collapse of the conference on the Rowell-Sirois report. Nor does he believe it necessary that the provincial election should be postponed until next year.

SUBS IN ADRIATIC

British and Greek Undersea Craft Taking Big Bags in Italy's Own Waters

SPLIT, YugoSlavia, Feb. 3: (CP)—A concerted British and Greek submarine campaign against Italian military supply routes deep in the Adriatic Sea was indicated today by reports that seven Italian vessels had been sunk recently. Travelers reported that a submarine today sank the Italian freighter Vittorio Benito of about 5,000 tons and another unidentified 6,000-ton Italian vessel.

A single Greek submarine of only 570 tons is credited with sinking 40,000 tons of Fascist shipping including a 10,000 ton troopship in convoy at the week-end.

AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED

Steps Already Being Taken Towards Ameliorating Local Zoning Bylaw

With reference to the local zoning bylaw, mention of which was made recently, it is learned that progress has tlready been made towards formulating of amendments which would make the measure more equitable and applicable to local conditions. It is understood civic authorities are sympathetic to the move for such amendments.

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Your Inspection is Invited

Bulletins

COERCING SOLDIERS

BELGRADE—Marshal Ugo Cavalierro and Count Ciano have arrived at the Albanian front. Orders have been given to shoot on the spot any Italian soldiers who attempt to retreat or speak pacifistically.

INFLUENZA IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM—Twenty-five per cent of the people of Holland are estimated to be suffering from influenza.

WILLKIE WELCOMED

MANCHESTER—Wendell Willkie got a great reception in Manchester today. Crowds sang "The Stars and Stripes Forever." In Birmingham, there were cries of "Tell them we can take it but send as much help as they can." Willkie also visited Coventry and Liverpool.

SEAMEN ARRIVE

AT AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT— Scores of British merchant seamen have arrived enroute to Australia and New Zealand to take over ships for service in carrying goods to the United Kingdom.

FORMER KING'S PRINTER

OTTAWA—J.O. Patenaude, former King's printer, died Saturday night at the age of 73.

ROTHCHILD ARRESTED

PARIS — Baron Eugene de Rothschild of the famous financial family has been arrested.

GIBRALTAR EXPLOSION

GIBRALTAR—Six soldiers and one civilian were killed in an accidental explosion of blasting materials.

TROUBLE IN JOHANNESBOURG

JOHANNESBOURG—Johannesburg is quiet today after thirty-six hours of serious rioting between police and soldiers and anti-British elements. No deaths are reported but 140 were injured. Armored cars and tear gas were used in quelling the disorders which followed a republican meeting.

Italians Are Nazi Victims

LONDON, February 3 (Canadian Press)—A large number of Italian prisoners were killed when a British ship evacuating them from the Libyan coast was bombed by a plane believed to be German, the Admiralty announced.

Prince Rupert Incorporations

Local Golf Club and A. MacKenzie Furniture Both Gazetted This Week

VICTORIA, Feb. 3:—Incorporation is announced of the Prince Rupert Golf Club Limited, capitalized at $10,000 in 400 shares of par value of $25 each.

Another Prince Rupert incorporation is that of A. MacKenzie Furniture Limited capital $20,000 in 20,000 shares of one dollar each.

R.A.F. HITS OUT AGAIN

Invasion Bases Heavily Attacked—England Fairly Quiet

LONDON, February 3 (Canadian Press) — The Royal Air Force bombed targets in the northwestern part of German occupied France in a pre-dawn attack today in continuation of week-end thrusts against Axis objectives from Flanders to Sardinia. Rome admits that British torpedo planes staged a successful attack against Sardinia.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Royal Air Force, with American fliers participating, renewed its attacks heavily over the week-end on German invasion ports including Brest, Boulogne, Ostend and Lorient. At least four German planes were brought down in dog-fights with loss of one British. Folkestone was able to hear heavy explosions coming from across the Channel.

London had quiet nights Saturday and Sunday as did the rest of England and all the enemy air activity to be reported Sunday was one German plane which dropped eight bombs aimlessly in a field. Early today, however, there was renewed activity by German planes on London and elsewhere in England.

Weather continues to hold down the duelling of British and German air forces but reliable sources predict that springtime will bring greater fury and frightfulness than the world has ever seen.

By midafternoon Saturday reports of actual warfare were telling of a renewal of bombardment of the Dover Area by German long-range guns.

NAZIS NOT SO STRONG

Reports of Air Force Size Greatly Exaggerated, Says London Times

LONDON, Feb. 3.— The London Times military writer says that reports of German air strength, said to be 36,000 and even higher, are greatly exaggerated. He says that Germany has no more than 9,000 first line planes.

KNOX IS WORRIED

United States Secretary Of Navy Wonders If Help For Britain Will Be In Time

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3:— Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, testified before the Senate foreign relations committee Saturday that he was "tremendously worried" over whether the United States could furnish sufficient aid in time to Great Britain. Supporting the administration's aid to Britain legislation before the committee, Knox said "Frankly, I don't know," when asked by Senator Nye of North Dakota, an isolationist: "Can we act in time to save Britain if this awful crisis predicted for the near future comes to pass?"

Chief Of Paris Police Arrested

He and 100 Officers Charged With Permitting Anti-Nazi Grapevine

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The former prefect of Paris police and 100 other officers have been arrested by the Gestapo for permitting, allegedly, the operating of an anti-Nazi grapevine supporting General Charles DeGaulle and the Free French cause.

Sick Doctor To Be Flown To Vancouver

SEWELL INLET, Queen Charlotte Islands, Feb. 3.—Pilot Tommy Laurie arrived here today with his plane to take on board and carry back to Vancouver Dr. S. M. Miller, surgeon for the J. R. Morgan Logging Co., who is seriously ill with pneumonia. The doctor is in an improvised oxygen tent. The plane had difficulty in geting here on account of bad weather. On Saturday it had to turn back after getting half way north. Yesterday it had to stop at Murchison Island, a few miles short of here, coming on today.

OFFENSIVE IS FAILURE

Italian Campaign in Albania Becoming More and More Flop

ATHENS, Feb. 3—With the entire Tepelini area reported under Greek control, actual occupation of the town only a question of mopping up isolated detachments and the high command stating that the Greeks have taken important Italian mountain positions. Greek dispatches say that recent Fascist efforts to seize the offensive must be regarded as failures.

More than 15,000 Italian troops are surrounded at Tepelini and the Greeks are menacing the port of Valona.

The Royal Air Force delivered a heavy attack against Valona. Store houses and munition dumps of the Italians were hit.

Narrow Escape From Bombing

Sergeant Purdon's Brother and Family Went Visiting Just in Time to Escape Flare

Wonderful escapes that seem like miracles have been happening in England and Scotland since the war began. The outstanding miracle was the evacuation of Dunkerque. Sergeant C. A. Purdon of Fortress Headquarters, whose home is in New Westminster, tells a story of an almost miraculous escape. His brother, who lives at Ewell in Surrey, recently built a new house. A few weeks later he was called away by the government in connection with some engineering work. The wife and children went to stay with Sergeant Purdon's people. That night the Germans came over and dropped a bomb on the new house, an incendiary bomb that went through the child's bed and badly messed up the place with oil. The house was partly destroyed. If the family had been at home the child would most certainly have been killed.

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 36 hour period ending at 5 p.m. tomoorrow)

General Synopsis—A deep and extensive disturbance is centred off Kodiak Island and is causing gales with rain on the coast. The pressure is relatively high over the State of Idaho.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Southeast gales shifting to south, cloudy and mild with rain.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Strong southeast winds or gales, unsettled and mild with rain.

VICTORIES IN AFRICA

Important Railway Town of Agrodat in Eritrea Taken By British—Moving on Bengasi

CAIRO, Feb. 3.—While British tanks rumbling smoothly westward in Libya towards besieged Bengasi are reported to be on the very heels of the retreating Italians. British forces have captured the important railway town of Agrogat in Eritrea as they continue the drive which is pushing the Italians out of the country toward the Red Sea.

Two Italian divisions are reported trapped while retreating towards the Red Sea as the British now move to encircle and cut off the town of Barentu, 40 miles from Agrodat, on the way to the capital Asmara, and the principal port, Masawa. The campaigns in Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland also proceed satisfactorily with the British advancing on all fronts and the Italians steadily retreating.

Agrodat fell after a two-day battle. Hundreds of Italian prisoners were taken and a considerable quantity of arms, transport and other war materials. An air attack marked the final phase of the capture of the town.

The Royal Air Force scored hits on three ships in Tripoli Harbor Saturday, setting one afire. One seaplane was destroyed and others were damaged. Other planes dropped hundreds of bombs on the road of the land advance from Derna to Libya.

U.S. WILL BE IN WAR

This Will Be Result of Passing "Lease-Lend" Bill, Representative Fish Says

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 3: (CP) — Representative Hamilton Fish, New York Republican, opened the opposition debate on the aid for Britain bill in the House of Representatives today with the prediction that United States will be involved in the war in Europe and Asia within six months if the measure is approved without change. Fish also predicted that the United States government would take over vital industries and civil rights would be suspended.

Representative Fish spoke a few minutes after Philip F. LaFollette, former Wisconsin governor, testified before the Senate foreign relations committee that Edouard Daladier, former French Premier, told him in 1939 that France expected United States to aid his country with money, materials and men. La Follette realized the menace of totalarianism to the United States but was not in favor of the "lease-lend" bill as it now stands.

Princess Royal Is Colonel-In-Chief

Sister of King Chosen Honorary Head of Canadian Unit

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Princess Royal, sister of the King, has been named colonel-in-chief of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

ITALIANS AT MALTA

Two Fascist Planes Brought Down During Attacks Yesterday

VALETTA, Feb. 3. — Enemy planes attacked Malta yesterday and at least two were brought down.

Greatly Accelerated War Effort For This Dominion Is Planned

Many More Troops to be Sent Overseas to Assist In Battle Of Britain—Great Expansion of Navy, Air Force and Arms Production

OTTAWA, February 3: (CP)—Movement overseas of a great army of airmen, infantry and armored units this year was promised Sunday night by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King in a broadcast address supporting the February war savings drive. Mr. King said that many indications were that, within a short while, the enemy will make a tremendous effort to destroy the British Commonwealth with a series of smashing blows of unprecedented fury. The program provides for the dispatch overseas this year of the Third Canadian Division, an army tank brigade, remainder of troops for the corps now in England, large increases in the equipment and personnel of both the navy and the air force and a huge expansion in the production of war equipment in Canada.

The Canadian government will spend more than $100,000,000 during the fiscal year of 1941-42 in formation and equipment of the armored division and tank brigade to reinforce the Canadian Corps overseas, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, announced today at a conference called to clarify details of the Dominion's accelerated war program.

Mr. King, in his address, appealed to every Canadian to assist in rallying the strength of the nation so that Christian civilization might be saved from disaster.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler has made his aims clear. He would make a tremendous effort to smash the British Commonwealth of Nations in a desperate race against the growing strength of the British Empire and the support of the United States. It would be a test of strength in total war with the Old Country the first line of defence for Canada.

The only way to meet total war was by total effort—not for a day, not for a week, not for a month, not for a year but every day until victory was won. Every man, woman and child must do everything possible to help. Total effort could be obtained in two ways—one way was by compulsion which was the enemy's way. The other way was by the freewill offering of a free people,, the way of Canada which it was hoped to maintain.

There would be need for more change in daily lives of the people in Canada during 1941 than had been known in 1940. None were too humble, none were too poor, none were too weak to make their contribution toward the winning of the war.

Not all could fight, like the young men, on the front lines but almost every one could supply money to support the fighting forces by providing them with transport and equipment. The Prime Minister appealed to the people to lend all they could as quickly as they could. The government asked Canadians to save carefully and lend freely, to set aside some portion of their income er wages. Those all would establish a bond between themselves and those who fought. "Lend freely," said the Premier "and help save human lives. You yourself will become a defender of freedom."

In addition to disclosing the important reinforcements it was planned during 1941 to send overseas, the Prime Minister stated that organization and development of the air training scheme, already eight months ahead of schedule, would be continued. The personnel of the air force would be increased to 36,000 before the end of the year and the number of planes to 4,000.

Twenty-five new squadrons would be sent overseas. The Canadian navy would be increased to 416 ships and 26,920 men. Mr. King also gave details of the arms, armament and fighting equipment which would be made in Canada, this to consist largely of such equipment as was not obtainable from the standardized stock of the United States.

VICHY MEN UNDER FIRE

Rival Committee Formed With View To Wresting Control of France

VICHY, Feb. 3.—The radio in German-occupied Paris announced Saturday night the formation of a rival committee to Marshal Henry Phillippe Petain's National Union Group and violently assailed "The Men of Vichy." The Paris committee, it was stated, would stand for complete collaboration with the Germans. Petain's committee of fifty-one, formed this week, is intended to construct a new party of national revolution and cement "spiritual union" of all France.

There are reports that Former Premier Pierre Laval is returning here on Wednesday from Paris with Admiral Darlan bringing German demands. The political situation in unoccupied France continues tense.

Reaction was awaited with much interest to a Free French appeal, conveyed through General Charles De Gaulle, to France's North African army that it join in the fight against Italy in Libya. A reply from General Weygand at Algier Saturday night urged adherence to Petain.

DEAD IN TRAFFIC

One Fatal Accident at Vancouver and Another Near Chilliwack Over Week-End

VANCOUVER, Feb. 3.—There were several traffic accidents in Vancouver and district over the week-end. Two of them were fatal.

Charles Samuelson of Vancouver was killed when struck by a street car near the British Columbia Electric Co. station at Carroll and Hastings. It was the fifth fatal traffic mishap in 1941 and came on the heels of a warning by Mayor J. W. Cornett that, if the present rate kept up, this would be the heaviest year in Vancouver's history for traffic fatalities.

Jimmy Louis, son of a Chilliwack Indian chief, was killed in an automobile accident on the Vedder River road.

Concluding a one-day visit to port, U.S.S. Charleston, American gunboat, sailed at midnight Saturday night for Alaska in the course of an inspection cruise.