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Thousands British Australian, American Forces Helping Dutch

Forces Being Organized for Defence of Java—Stirring Exhortation—Lull in Burma Battle Reported.

BATAVIA, Feb. 27.—Thousands of British, Australian and American troops have arrived to stand alongside the Dutch in the defence of Java, final stronghold of the Allies in the Netherlands East Indies, the military governor of the East Indies announced last night. Welcoming the newly arrived units, the Dutch commander-in-chief expressed confidence in their ability and relied on them to fight gallantly. He was optimistic that Java's defences would be too strong for the enemy and they would be pushed back. "We will fight like wild cats and we will fight like hell," he declared.

HITLER TO BE BEATEN THIS YEAR

Can Be Destroyed by Summer, Declares Russian Ambassador to United States.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Maxim Litvinoff, Russian ambassador to the United States, expressed the belief here yesterday that Hitler can be destroyed by summer. The Nazis, Litvinoff said, would stake all in a "make or break" effort this spring when the campaign would reach its peak. Stressing the importance of continued American supplies, Litvinoff said that he was proud to have failed to the lot of Russia to smash the Hitler war machine.

APPROACH HARD PART

Total of \$468,131,850 Subscribed to Victory Loan Including \$44,000,000 in British Columbia

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—At the close of business last night Second Victory Loan subscriptions for all Canada totalled \$468,131,850 of the \$600,000,000 issue. British Columbia has subscribed \$44,000,000 of the \$62,000,000 quota. Officials said the hardest part of the campaign was now approaching.

BANK IS IMPROVED

Noble Changes Made in Interior of Local Financial Institution.

Under the planning of Manager G. R. S. Blackaby, the interior of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal has gone modernistic and arrangements have also been made for the improvement and speeding up of service generally. The old type closed teller's cage has been removed to be replaced by the open wicket type which makes for improved working conditions. A separate savings department has been opened with its own teller. Here savings and incidental business will be handled, the current and general business being taken care of at the main cage. The improvement work was carried out by Mitchell & Currie, local contractors.

Local Temperature

Maximum 41.5
Minimum 32.5

Victory Loan Still Grows

Second Victory Loan subscriptions in Prince Rupert up to last evening had reached a total of \$554,650 with 1417 individual subscribers. Within eight days of the campaign still to go, or until the end of next week, it is confidently expected that the total objective of \$600,000 with 1800 individual subscribers will be reached.

Allied planes directed new blows on a Japanese invasion armada off Bangka Island today amid indications that the badly mauled enemy was waiting for reinforcements before striking the climactic assault against the united nations stronghold of Java. Bangka lies off the east coast of lower Sumatra 270 miles north of Batavia.

Far to the northwest Japan sent an aerial feeler attack against Port Blair in the Andaman Islands of the Indian Ocean, 350 miles southwest of Rangoon. The islands are strategically important as a base for possible invasion of India or Ceylon. India itself is getting ready for any eventuality. Five hundred buildings in Calcutta are being converted into air raid shelters.

There has been a lull in the land fighting in Burma, the Japanese evidently awaiting fresh reinforcing troops following their heavy losses of the last few days. Rangoon is a city of ghosts. The most of the civilian population has been evacuated to Mandalay. Torch has been set to everything that might be of value to the enemy including large quantities of "lease-lend" supplies for China.

NAZIS IN BAD WAY

Are Disintegrating Before Onslaught of Great Russian Counter-Offensive.

MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—German forces are reported disintegrating before the onslaught of the great Russian counter-offensive in the district southwest of Leningrad where the Sixteenth Nazi Army was wiped out and where 96,000 more German troops are entrapped. Dispatches from the Starya-Russa front declared today that the Russians were breaking down the stand of the trapped Germans, virtually dooming division after division of the encircled force. Nazi efforts to drop supplies to the ground troops are being foiled by the Soviet Air Force which has dropped leaflets promising good treatment to the Germans if they decide to surrender.

BATTLE IN PHILIPPINES

Sharp Fighting Continues Following Surprise Attack by Gen. MacArthur's Forces.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Fighting is still in progress following the capture by General Douglas MacArthur's American and Filipino forces of Japanese advance positions in a surprise attack all along the line in Bataan Peninsula. It was a sharp attack, General MacArthur being assisted by fresh forces of loyal Filipinos. The main Japanese line has, however, not yet been touched. A bulletin from American headquarters in the Philippines today said that the defenders had scored gains of half a mile to five miles along entire Bataan Peninsula front in the last forty-eight hours. Fighting continued, the bulletin said, with General MacArthur's men holding the positions they took in the surprise attack.

HOCKEY SCORES

Detroit, 4; New York, 7.
Montreal, 4; Chicago, 5.

No Cars, Cameras, Radios Or Firearms For Japanese Who Reside in Protected Areas

OTTAWA, Feb. 27: (CP)—Persons of the Japanese race living in the protected area of British Columbia are forbidden possession or use of "any motor vehicle, camera, radio transmitter, radio receiving set, firearms, ammunition or explosive" under an amendment to the Defence of Canada Regulations made known today.

The restrictions are contained in the same order made known yesterday whereby curfew is being imposed on people of the Japanese race under which they must be at their usual place of residence each day before sunset and remain there until sunrise.

For the purpose of the order a person of Japanese race means, as well as any person wholly of Japanese race, any person whose mother or father is Japanese and if the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in writing, has required the person to register pursuant to the special Japanese registration of 1941.

KIEL HAS BIG RAID

Nazi Battleship Haven Is Strafed By Royal Canadian Air Squadron.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Kiel, haven of one of Germany's fugitive battleships, Gneisenau or Scharnhorst, was bombed by the Royal Air Force last night for the second successive night and fires were started among dockyards and shipbuilding works, the Ministry of Air announced. The raid was carried out by a Royal Canadian Air Force bomber squadron. Canadians penetrated a heavy ring of anti-aircraft fire and dropped successive sticks of bombs which left a number of fires, one of which could be seen fifty miles away.

Island Ceded To Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 27.—Great Britain yesterday formally ceded to Venezuela a small island between Trinidad and Venezuela which has been in dispute since 1799. The island possesses large petroleum deposits and is of strategic importance.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	14 1/2
Bralorne	7.00
Cariboo Quartz	1.30
Hedley Mascot	25 1/2
Pend Orelle	1.42
Pioneer	1.65
Premier	.40
Privateer	.33
Reno	.17
Sheep Creek	.75

Oils	
Calmont	.15
C. & E.	1.00
Home	2.40
Royal Canadian	.04

Toronto	
Beattie	2.80
Central Patricia	1.17
Consolidated Smelters	38.00
Hardrock	.47
Kerr Addison	3.60
Little Long Lac	1.12
McLeod Cockshutt	1.50
Madsen Red Lake	.35
McKenzie Red Lake	.76
Moneta	.34
Pickle Crow	2.05
Preston East Dome	2.60
San Antonio	1.53
Sherritt Gordon	.79

FIRE TRAGEDY—BURNS ARE FATAL FOR YOUNG GIRL

Alma Rosang of Lewis Island Dies in Local Hospital—Widowed Mother Injured—Home Destroyed.

Alma Rosang, aged five, died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital early this morning as a result of burns and shock and her widowed mother, Mrs. Emil Rosang, is a patient in the hospital suffering from a broken ankle following the destruction by fire of their home at Lawson Harbor, Lewis Island, twenty-five miles south of Prince Rupert, on Wednesday evening.

The tragedy occurred when a Colman gasoline lamp in the kitchen of the home exploded, spraying gas which burst into flames all around. The clothing of the little girl took fire and she was badly burned. In the excitement, the mother sustained the broken bone in her ankle. Only the mother and the little girl were in the house.

Neighbors did what they could to help and a navy boat, anchored in Lawson Harbor at the time, rushed the victims into Prince Rupert. They arrived early Thursday morning. The house, a comfortable five or six-room frame structure, was completely destroyed.

Mrs. Rosang was widowed two years ago when her husband dropped dead from heart trouble. In addition to the little girl who is dead, Mrs. Rosang's family consisted of two sons—Paul and Carl Rosang, owners of the halibut boat Oldfield, at present operating on charter to the B. C. Packers out of Pender Harbor, and two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Thelma) Letts of Oona River and Miss Violet Rosang, employed at the Royal Lunch in Prince Rupert.

Japanese Now In Mountains

Two Groups of One Hundred Each Reach Red Pass Area.

RED PASS, Feb. 27.—Two groups of Japanese, numbering one hundred each, have just arrived in this district from Vancouver to be engaged in road work for the duration of the war. There will be camps at Rainbow, Lucerne and Geikie.

Dominion Forces Will Be Sent There If Necessary To Defend This Country, Premier States

BULLETINS

CHIEF JUSTICE DIES
VANCOUVER — Chief Justice Aulay Morrison of the Supreme Court of British Columbia died suddenly here today at the age of seventy-eight. He had enjoyed robust health, despite advancing years, and his passing comes as a shock to the judiciary, legal circles and many friends.

HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES
SUREBAJA, Java — An influential and well-informed Java newspaper said today that Japan had lost one-third of her cruisers and had suffered enormous aerial casualties in the first two-and-a-half months of her war. This, while not admitted, was undoubtedly of deep concern to the enemy.

LONDON GLOOMY
LONDON — London military quarters take a gloomy view of the situation in Burma. Much depends upon Chinese reinforcements and they, it is said, have not arrived in great quantity as yet.

PRISONER ESCAPED
LONDON, Ont. — A German prisoner of war, an officer, made his escape from Westminster Hospital here where he had been under treatment as an epileptic. He jumped from a window.

DEADLY INERTIA
LONDON — Lady Brooke-Popham, wife of the former commander-in-chief at Singapore, believes that "deadly inertia" was largely responsible for the fall of Singapore. Singapore people simply refused to believe that attack would come and all they seemed to be interested in was parties, bridge and dancing. Nothing would arouse them, Lady Brooke-Popham exempted the Chinese people from her complaint but said that the Malays were most inert.

TANKER IS BURNED?
BELMAR, N.J. — Spectators from shore saw a ship ablaze five miles at sea off here last night. It was believed to be a tanker. Coastguard vessels put out to the scene but obtained no information as to the name or type of vessel or extent of damage.

NANAIMO VS. VICTORIA
NANAIMO—Nanaimo and Victoria will meet tomorrow night in the opener of Pacific Coast hockey finals. The Nanaimo Clippers last night defeated the Vancouver Nor-Vans 7 to 0.

Tillie The Toiler Back

In response to popular request, The Daily News is re-naming presentation of the comic strip "Tillie the Toiler," which for years was a feature in this paper. The first publication appears today. Arrangements have been made to have "Tillie" appear exclusively in the News, no other paper on the coast having it.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King Says Unlimited Authority Will Be Exercised in Disposition of Country's Manpower.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27: (CP)—If necessity arises to send Canadian troops to defend the Alaskan Panhandle "or any place in the vicinity of the coast of Canada" they will be sent regardless of any commitment or provision of the National Mobilization Act in order to protect Canada. This declaration was made in the House of Commons last night by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King who added that in such an event he would act under unlimited authority of the War Measures Act and later obtain parliamentary amendment to the National Resources Mobilization Act to conscript Canadians for service in Canada.

HIS TALK IS BLUNT

Lord Chatfield Has Some Straight Facts for Lords in Regard to German Naval Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Lord Chatfield, former first lord of the admiralty, told the House of Lords bluntly yesterday that the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau would be back in service of the enemy sooner or later and that new German warships about to go into commission "will be larger than our own."

FREE FRENCH AIM TO WELD NEW EMPIRE

Strong National Committee Works Early and Late to Bring the Motherland Back Into the Fight.

By WILLIAM STEWART
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Feb. 27: (CP)—Allied victory is the first objective of the French National Committee, but Gen. Charles de Gaulle and eight able men who help manage a chain of colonies strung around the globe also face the problem of "getting France back into the fight." To the Free French leader and the hand-picked group who form the committee, "France" means not only 10,000,000 people in a growing empire rallied to the Cross of Lorraine, but the fallen Motherland too.

TO BUILD BARRACKS

Four Firms Secure Plans For New Construction Here

Tenders for construction of a barracks building at Prince Rupert have been invited by the department of munitions and supply. It is reported that four firms have been asked to figure the project. E. J. Ryan Construction Co. Ltd., Bennett & White Construction Co. Ltd., G. E. Baynes, all of Vancouver and Armour Salvage & Towing Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert.

Hundreds of workers, many the authors of daring escapes to Britain, stream daily in and out of these offices and two other large Free French buildings.

About them march armed sentries identified by sleeve tabs bearing the word "France." Lines of Free French staff cars crowd the curbs.

De Gaulle, tall and shy, holds frequent council with the commissioners in whose absence he is the final authority. His is the deciding vote not only in the case of difficulties over establishment of civil order in the colonies but also on war strategy and direction of 100,000 men in Free French Army, Air Force and Navy.

A life time soldier, De Gaulle maintains contact with Army Commander Paul Legentilhomme, Air Commodore Martial Valin and Admiral Emile Muselier whose forces carried out the recent surprise occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon islands.

The tangle of wartime foreign affairs has been left to Maurice Dejean who gained his experience in the French Foreign Office. The welfare of Frenchmen who have come or are still coming to the Free French, presents problems for Andre Diethelm, commissioner of interior and labor.

Information about conditions in France and suggestions for post-war reconstruction were brought to the committee by Diethelm, First Great War hero who escaped to Britain only a few months ago.

Watch Syria's Future
The committee also is acting in an advisory capacity in Syria's re-establishment for which 54-year old Rene Cassin, commissioner of education and justice, is examining the education system.