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NAZI OFFENSIVE NOW IS BELIEVED GETTING UNDER WAY IN CRIMEA

Two Million Men With Thousands of Planes and Mechanized Equipment Starting Drive With Caucasus Oil As Objective

INITIATIVE DIES DOWN

MOSCOW, May 12, (CP)—The German offensive against Soviet positions blocking the invasion of the Caucasus died down overnight as quickly as it flared up on Kerch Peninsula of Crimea, the Russians announced today. A mid-day communique said that nothing important occurred last night, indicating that the Nazi push had ceased, at least temporarily.

BERNE, Switzerland, May 12:—The long-awaited Nazi spring offensive is believed to have been launched against the Crimea at the south end of the long Russo-German front with the immediate objective the rich Caucasus oil fields. Centering on Kerch Isthmus, the narrow neck which joins Crimea with the mainland of Russia and separates the Sea of Azov from the Black Sea on the west, a sector which has been quiet since last November, a German army of two million men, supported by from one to two thousand planes and with heavy mechanized equipment, has gone into action, according to reports reaching Berne. Germans are fighting with the Germans. The Nazi infantry is being paged by tanks, dive bombers and low flying planes.

MOBILIZE MANPOWER

Prime Minister Mackenzie King Explains Amendment—Matter of Cardin Resignation

CONFIDENCE IN KING
OTTAWA, May 12: (CP)—A caucus of Liberal members of the House of Commons and Senate today unanimously adopted a resolution expressing "unbounded confidence in our leader, Mackenzie King." Chairman T. F. Donnelly said after the meeting. Virtually all Quebec Liberal members were at the conference.

A Soviet spokesman admits reverses at some points although the main attack is said to have been repulsed. It is in this area that Taas, Russian news agency, said at the end of the week that the Germans had used gas.

Moscow and Berlin are to a large extent silent as to the progress of the fighting on the southern front.

There is good weather in the Crimea now and an all-out attack may be made by the Germans on Rostov, it is thought.

To the north there is still poor weather and the terrain is a sea of mud and the terrain is a sea the Nazis may be planning another mass assault against Leningrad.

Some local successes are claimed by the Russians in the Klinin area.

SABOTAGE RAILWAY

British Electrical Workers Get In Their Work After Being Smuggled Into Norway

STOCKHOLM, May 12 (Canadian Press)—British electrical experts were reported yesterday to have sabotaged the Transham Railway, south of Trondheim, after being smuggled into Norway.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Grandview 14
Bralorne 6.75
Cariboo Quartz 1.06
Hedley Mascot 25
Pend Oreille 1.25
Pioneer 1.38
Premier 40
Privateer 29½
Reno 0.3
Sheep Creek 10
Oils
Calmont 11½
C & E 85
Home 2.47
Royal Canadian 0.03½

Toronto

Beattie 70
Central Pat. 86
Cons. Smelters 38.00
Hardrock 35
Kerr Addison 3.40
Little Long Lac91
McLeod Cockshutt 1.10
Madsen Red Lake 42
McKenzie Red Lake 58
Moneta 22
Pickle Crow 1.56
Preston East Dome 1.80
San Antonio 1.53
Sherritt Gordon 70

Light Attacks By Luftwaffe

LONDON, May 12:—A German plane dropped bombs harmlessly on a northeast coast town of England yesterday.

Off the southeast coast an enemy bomber was shot down.

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Little Brown Men Losing

BULLETINS

HITLER AND GAS

LONDON—The German radio says that Hitler will not use gas unless it is first used against Germany. Gas which the Germans are said to have used against the Russians is believed to have not been poison gas but fumes from a new type of explosive.

ROTARY GOVERNOR

VANCOUVER—Fred K. Jones of Spokane, although sick in hospital here, was elected district governor at the northwest conference.

VANCOUVER MILL ACCIDENT

VANCOUVER—Len Livingstone, 26, was killed instantly yesterday when an 84-inch cut-off saw broke in the Acme sawmill here. Thousands of bits of steel flew into the air.

HALIBUT SALES

American
Seattle, 30,000, 13.5c and 11c,
Booth.

Oceanic, 22,000, 13.8c and 11c,
Baider, 16,000, 14.1c and 11c,
Polaris, 50,000, 13.3c and 11c,
Storage.

Franklin, 46,000, 13.3c and 11c,
Atlin.

Canadian
Borgund, 7,500, 14c and 11c,
Whizz.

Arctic I., 15,000, 14.6c and 11c,
Storage.

Advance II., 12,000, 14.4c and 11c,
Booth.

More Ships Sunk—
CORAL SEA IS COSTLY TO NIPPON

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GIVING TO RED CROSS

H. S. Nickerson \$ 5.
E. A. Nickerson 10.
A. V. Gudmundson 5.
Helen & Milady Beauty Shop 5.
Family Shoe Store and

Steve King 60.
A. M. Borland 5.
Capitol Barber Shop 5.
McLaren's Music Store 5.
R. A. Creech 5.
W. M. Watts 20.
Miss Blanche Curtin 10.
Dr. J. F. Maguire 50.
Rupert People's Store 100.
Elite Beauty Parlor 10.
Parkin Electric 10.
C. A. Brind 15.
S. E. Parker Ltd. 60.
S. E. Parker 20.
North Star Bottling Works 25.
Imperial Machine Works 5.
Joe Ratchford 5.
McMeekin's Brokerage 10.
Miller's Cigar Store 5.
Empress Hotel Company 100.
Jones' News Stand 10.
Helgeson Ltd. 25.
Imperial Barber Shop 5.
Ernest Uhnw 5.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor 10.
Mr. and Mrs. Rod McLeod and Chrissie 10.
Mr. and Mrs. James Fogg 5.
Mads Randeris 5.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hudema 5.
Mrs. P. Bass-Bert 5.
Mrs. H. B. Wallace 5.
Mrs. J. D. Fraser 5.
A. E. Ireland 5.
Mr. and Mrs. Art Oswald 5.
Mr. and Mrs. John Currie (Third Avenue) 5.

BIG TOLL ON ENEMY AT MALTA

ITALIAN PLANES DROP AS FAST AS BOMBS IN FIERCE BUT FRUITLESS ASSAULT

VALETTA, Malta, May 12:—New Spitfires of the Royal Air Force are now in action in defence of the fortress island of Malta and their activity is believed largely responsible for the increasing number of enemy planes which are being shot out of the skies as they continue their almost incessant assault.

No less than 101 Axis planes have been shot down in thirty-three hours from over Malta, sixty-three of them falling in a single day. The cost to the British was only three planes.

One observer said that Italian planes seemed to be dropping almost as fast as the bombs.

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SUPRISES MAY COME

Talk of Axis Moving In Various Directions To Catch Allies Off Guard—Turkey Unafrid

ANKARA, May 12:—It is pre-

dicted here that there may soon

be sudden Axis attacks in various

quarters under a master Nazi

plan to catch the Allies unawares

and decide the issue of the war

with lightning strokes. Here in

Ankara, however, fear of an in-

vasion of Turkey by the Nazis ap-

pears to be waning. Certain de-

fence measures are being demo-

lished.

First Submarine Attack In St. Lawrence River—Canadian Freighter Sunk

OTTAWA, May 12 (CP)—Sinking of a freighter in the St. Lawrence River, the first enemy submarine attack in those waters, was announced today by Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of the Navy.

The attack occurred May 11 and forty-one survivors have been landed.

Mr. Macdonald said that future sinkings in this area would not be made public in order to withhold information from the enemy but he said the situation was being watched and long-prepared plans were in operation.

VICHY IS KNUCKLING

Indications Are That Vichy May Soon Yield Completely To Hitler

VICHY, May 12:—Chief of State Marshal Henri Philippe Petain has cut short a holiday in the country to return to Vichy for "urgent reasons due to certain events." It is said that the question of Martinique may be one of these matters. It is also said that there is a move by Chancellor Adolf Hitler to further tighten his control upon France in preparation for his spring offensive. Signs are not lacking that Vichy may finally throw in its full weight with the Axis.

As for Martinique, it has been said at Washington that United States will not deal directly with Vichy so long as a Laval-controlled government remains in office. Conferences are, however, being held at Martinique between United States representatives and the French governor in connection with the protection of the Caribbean Sea island.

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A. R. P. HERE IS ON JOB

Being Whipped Into Shape To Function Should Actual Emergency Arise

The local civilian protection (A.R.P.) organization continues whipping itself in shape in the various phases of activity in preparation for the possible day when it may have to go into action in real emergency. The recent practice air raid has had the effect of spurring the A.R.P. organization and gave it the basis for consideration of what might have to be contended with in the "real thing." At the present time delivery of A.R.P. equipment for use locally is being awaited.

There also appears to be a tendency on the part of places of business and residences to ready themselves by the assembling of equipment for fire fighting and other protective measures.

A.R.P. police wardens were in regular weekly session last Friday night. The A.R.P. police warden group centering at Booth Memorial School had a meeting last night.

In addition to routine and branch business there was a report indicating that the soldiers' plot at Fairview Cemetery had been improved. This is being done particularly at this time so that it will be in shape for the Decoration Day ceremony held annually under the auspices of the graves committee of the Queen Mary Chapter of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire. It is hoped that the approach to the plots will also be put in good shape shortly.

Applications for three transfers to the branch were considered and letters of thanks once again acknowledged assistance given by the branch to needy comrades, both local and to some from a distance.

HALIFAX BUTTER SHORTAGE

HALIFAX—The most serious butter shortage in years here is being faced.

PARIS, May 12:—Anti-British and anti-American demonstrations are reported in occupied France.

Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)

High	0:01 a.m.	20.5 feet
	12:34 p.m.	18.8 feet
Low	6:31 a.m.	3.9 feet
	18:34 p.m.	6.2 feet

SUCCESES FOR CHINA

Fighting Northward of Burma Is By No Means One-Sided—Japanese Isolated At One Point

Defence of India

General MacArthur Organizing Against Invasion From These Quarters

STILL FALLING BACK
NEW DELHI, May 12: (CP)—Chinese military quarters reported today that Japanese columns, driving up the Burma road into China proper, had been thrown back and