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Tomorrow's Tides

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Alaska Highway By December 1

Red Army Slays Mass of Nazi Invaders

Madagascar Happy Now

LONDON, Sept. 24: — The British government today officially announced the occupation of Tananarive, capital of Madagascar. The whole population cheered the British troops upon their entry. The Vichy French garrison surrendered unconditionally. The French governor who first sued for an armistice and then changed his mind has fled to the south of the island. The occupation of Tananarive by the British garrison yesterday came just a fortnight after landings on the west coast of the island started.

BOMBING GOES ON

Bengasi and Tobruk Are Hit By United States and British Air Raiders

CAIRO, Sept. 24:—Heavy United States bombers were used to strike at Bengasi yesterday. British planes following up. Two enemy ships sustained direct hits, one blowing up and sinking. Tobruk was also raided again. On land patrol activity along the El Alem front continues.

SUB BASE IS RAIDED

Flensburg Principal Objective Last Night of Royal Air Force

LONDON, Sept. 24 — The important submarine base at Flensburg in Schleswig-Holstein was raided during the night by heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force in the first mass air attack on Germany proper since the Munich and Saar Valley raids of Saturday night. Heavy damage was done and ten British planes failed to return, indicating that some 200 probably went out. Objectives elsewhere in north and northwest Germany were also attacked.

The coastal command announced that an Axis convoy was attacked off the Dutch coast. Direct hits were scored on three medium-sized ships.

There was slight enemy bombing activity over northwest England during the night, some casualties and slight damage being caused at one point. One bomber was destroyed.

Premier Bracken Is Not Interested

Has No Desire of Going to Ottawa. Certainly Not as Head of One Party

WINNIPEG, Sept. 24:— Asked to comment upon the report that he was being mentioned in connection with the leadership of the Conservative party in Canada, Premier John Bracken said yesterday that he had no personal desire of going to Toronto, certainly not as being identified with any one party.

STARTED SOMETHING

Berthod Schwartz, a German monk, is generally considered to be the inventor of firearms.

JOHN HART IS COMING

Premier At Prince George On His Way To This Coast

DUE HERE THURSDAY
Premier John Hart will arrive in Prince Rupert by train next Thursday evening from the interior and will be here until Saturday night when he will proceed to Victoria. He has been invited to attend a luncheon of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce next Friday.

PRINCE GEORGE, Sept. 24 — Premier John Hart arrived here today following a trip over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway with a party which returned to Vancouver from Quesnel. The party had made stops yesterday at Williams Lake and Quesnel.

Mr. Hart from here will turn west visiting Vanderhoof, Smithers, Hazelton and Terrace before Prince Rupert where he will remain two days and then go on to Victoria.

WENDELL AND JOE

United States Ambassador Meets Russia's Dictator

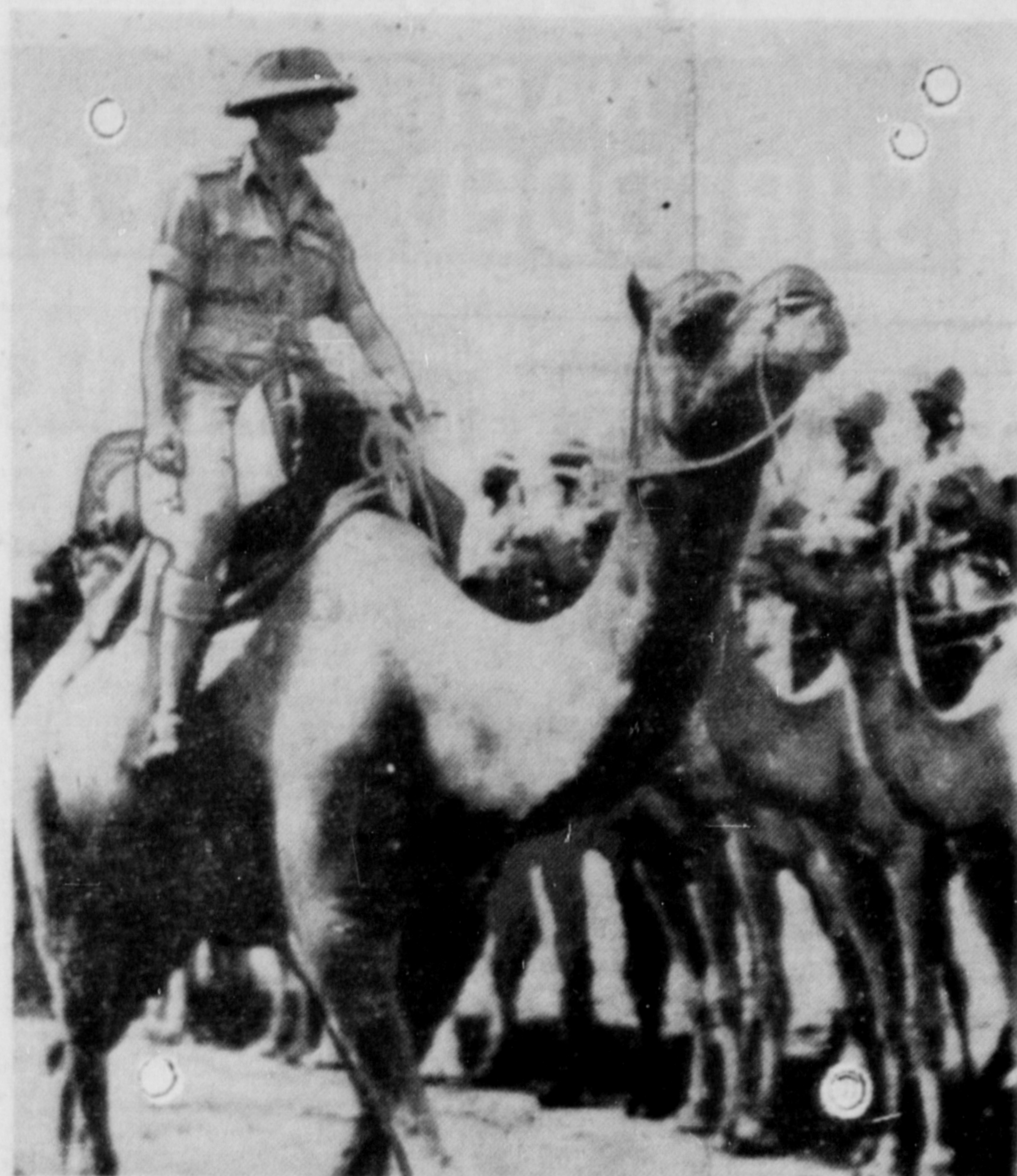
MOSCOW, Sept. 24—Wendell L. Willkie was in conference for two hours yesterday with Premier Joseph Stalin and Foreign Commissar Molotov but little was given out as to what transpired.

From China comes word of a great reception to be given the American envoy when he arrives in that country. A million fire crackers will be used in a noisy welcome, when Willkie's plane lands on a newly prepared air field.

Finds Alaska Defence Good

SEATTLE, Sept. 24: — Returning yesterday from a tour of inspection of Alaska defenses, Representative Warren G. Magnuson summed up his impressions with one word: "good."

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER RIDES CAMEL



The Duke of Gloucester, brother of the late Duke of Kent, is pictured inspecting an Aden camel corps during his visit to the Soudan, Aden and Somaliland, on his return from India. Camel-riding, incidentally, is no slight accomplishment.

ADVANCE PROMISING HELD UP OFFENSIVE

Allied Planes Continue Heavy Bombing of Japs on New Guinea

MELBOURNE, Sept. 24:—Continued heavy Allied air raids on New Guinea have held up the Japanese land advance towards Port Moresby which is still pinned on the slopes of the Owen Stanley Mountain range 32 miles from Port Moresby.

Buna, the first Japanese invasion point, has been given four severe poundings by Allied bombers with United States flying fortresses and fighters, large fires having been left burning. Enemy supply lines, barges, troop camps, ammunition dumps and anti-aircraft positions have been hit at Buna, Kokoda and elsewhere.

TIDY ACREAGE

Japan has seized 1,587,796 square miles of territory in the Pacific area since entering the war.

THREE BIG POPS

The three most heavily populated countries in the world are Russia, India and China.

DRAMATIC BATTLE IS RAGING ON

Fortified Positions Within Great Volga Industrial City Torn Away From Invaders—Thousands Killed

Russia Is Holding To Stalingrad

MOSCOW, Sept. 24: — The Soviet counter-assault north-west of Stalingrad gained momentum today while the Nazis were dislodged from street positions within the city in a terrific close range fighting between infantry and tank forces.

MOSCOW, Sept. 24: — Red Army men of Stalingrad have torn a group of fortified positions from the German grip, recaptured a settlement and slain more than 7,200 invaders in a dramatic resurgence of both defensive and offensive power, the Russians said today.

Communications implied that there was not a single new breach in the Russian lines within the streets of the embattled Volga River industrial city.

The Germans are reported to be again bringing up reinforcements by plane to fill their ranks.

Volga River gunboats of the Red Navy are helping Red Army artillerymen, machine gunners and riflemen to mow down the invaders by the thousands.

Official reports list 115 additional tanks and more than forty-eight field guns wrecked or captured in fresh actions of the month old battle.

Northwest of Stalingrad a populated place was recaptured today by Marshal Timoshenko's forces. While admitting that the situation at Stalingrad was grave, Red Star newspaper said today that the present fighting there showed that the city "can and will stand."

Elsewhere on the long Russo-German front — in Novorossiysk, Leningrad and Grozny areas — the defenders are more than holding their own.

Secretary of War Says Work on Fine Road Is Far Ahead of Schedule

Well-graded and Well-drained Providing Two-way Traffic Over Long Stretches—Difficulties Less Serious Than Anticipated

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 24 (CP) — The Alaska Highway will be ready for use about December 1, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today, and traffic is expected to move steadily over its 1,600 miles until spring thaws make it impassable in April and May. Not only is the highway being completed months ahead of schedule but, instead of the contemplated rough pioneer road, Stimson said "the highway, as it is now being constructed by corps of engineers, is a well-graded, well drained truck road for practically its entire length and will afford two-way traffic over many long stretches."

Mr. Stimson said that the muskeg that was expected to give the highway an unsteady base over long stretches and provide some of the worst problems had proven to be a minor consideration.

INDIAN IS ON TRIAL

Case of Philip Gun - a - Noot, Charged With Theft, Proceeding Murder Hearing Monday

After having held the court up for a day owing to his failure to appear on his own recognizance at the appointed time, Philip Gun-a-Noot, grandson of the notorious Simon Gun-a-Noot, is now taking trial at the current session of Supreme Court Assizes on a charge of theft of \$78 from another Indian at Kitwanga. The alleged theft occurred several months ago and Gun-a-Noot elected for trial by jury. When accused failed to show up at the opening of court yesterday, police officers were dispatched to look him up. They located him this morning near Cassiar on the Skeena River. He explained that he had mistaken the date and was already making his way into Prince Rupert.

The Gun-a-Noot case was called just before noon today and was adjourned until 3 p.m. after W. O. Fulton, defence counsel, stated that he had not yet had the opportunity of consulting with his client. Asked why he had not been present at the opening of court yesterday, Gun-a-Noot told the judge that he had "got mixed up" in the date and thought it was today. He saw the police boat coming into Cassiar today and went to meet the boat. There was no intention to evade. His Lordship accepted accused's explanation without further questioning.

MURDER CASE

In the second criminal case at this court William Scott is charged with the murder at Spruce Creek in the Atlin district on August 5 of John Cle. Scott, according to the crown's case, became irritated during a party at Spruce Creek and went out and obtained a rifle with which he returned and shot Cle, threatening to shoot others. Witnesses in this case are due from the north Saturday afternoon and the hearing is to proceed next Monday.

Mr. Justice Harold Robertson is presiding over the Assizes. T. W. Brown is crown counsel and W. O. Fulton is acting as defence counsel in both cases.

Howard Steen, a jurymen, was asked for an explanation this morning as to why he was not present yesterday. He answered that he had not received a summons. Thomas Holt Easton was excused from jury service because of deafness.

PR. GEORGE MAN FINED

PRINCE GEORGE, Sept. 24: — The first Wartime Prices and Trade Board prosecution in the Prince George area was held before Magistrate P. J. Moran of Prince George. The cases involved infractions of the rental regulations.

The accused in both cases was Nicola Gabrielle and he was charged with collecting rents in excess of those collected on October 11, 1941, for two properties on Second Avenue.

The accused pleaded guilty in each case and was fined \$15 and \$1.75 costs on the first charge and \$25 and \$1.75 costs on the second charge. The fines were paid by the accused.

P. E. Wilson K.C. acted as counsel for the board in the prosecutions.

BISHOPS AROUSED

Italian Church Heads Are Moved By Atrocities of Nazis In Occupied Countries

BERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 24:— Three Italian bishops have made a sharp protest at "brutal treatment" being accorded by the Nazis to people of occupied countries, including the "execution of innocent people and the wiping out of villages." Copies of the protest have been sent to Premier Mussolini and Pope Pius.

Big Convoy For Russia Is Safe

German Claim of Sinking 38 Out Of 45 Ships Grossly Exaggerated

LONDON, Sept. 24: — The great majority of a big convoy of Allied ships with war supplies for Russia has reached its destination in North Russian ports despite Nazi air and sea attacks, the Admiralty announced yesterday. It acknowledged some losses but a communique reiterated that German claims to having sunk 38 out of 45 merchantmen were grossly exaggerated.

Fight Shocks War Secretary

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 24 — Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that he was "shocked" over arrangements for the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight and had started a personal investigation.



GERMAN PRISONER BROUGHT ASHORE AFTER DIEPPE

A souvenir of the successful large-scale raid of Canadian and British commando units. American Rangers, Free French and others, against Nazi-held Dieppe, on the coast of France, is brought ashore by returning raiders. The souvenir is a German prisoner—one of many—who can be seen blindfolded in the centre here.

With months and months of hard training behind them, commando troops are hardened to pushing on through a barrage of the intensity of that put down by the coast defence guns of the Nazis at Dieppe. The barrage raises a perfect screen of flying water, smoke and metal as the assault boats carry Canadian and British commando units. American Rangers and Fighting French to shore to achieve their objective in large-scale raid at Dieppe, France.