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Linking Prince Rupert To Alaska Highway

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EDMONTON, (CP)—Dean R. S. Wilson of the faculty of engineering at the University of Alberta announced that the Dominion government will [illegible] highway from Prince Rupert to connect with the Alaska Highway in northeastern British Columbia. He said this information was contained in a letter from the government asking for every available junior and senior engineering student at the university. Dean Wilson, of course, had no detailed information.

Local Temperature

Maximum 37
Minimum 25

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	9:46 a.m.	17.0 feet
	22:40 p.m.	16.9 feet
Low	3:19 a.m.	10.1 feet
	16:15 p.m.	6.9 feet

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Allies Cannot Lose War - Churchill

Canada's War Plans—

MOBILIZE TWO MORE DIVISIONS

No Expeditionary Force To Australia—Britain's Need Placed First

GETTING THE MEN

OTTAWA, March 26: (CP)—Practically all men who will comprise the seventh and eighth army divisions, formation of which has just been announced, will be called up under compulsory provisions of the National Resources Mobilization Act, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, told a press conference today. The minister also disclosed that nearly all men needed to fill the seventh division were now on hand and have received four months' basic training. Most of the men of the sixth division mobilized some time ago are also men called up compulsorily and cannot be sent overseas under the present law unless they volunteer. The divisional commander for the seventh division will be appointed shortly, Col. Ralston said.

OTTAWA, March 26: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King told the House of Commons yesterday that the government has authorized mobilization of two additional army divisions—the seventh and eighth—as well as expansion of naval and air force strength. He said that, since the outbreak of war with Japan, nearly a dozen new battalions have been mobilized, together with a considerable number of additional anti-aircraft and coast defence batteries.

Mr. King announced that no Canadian expeditionary force would be sent to Australia at this time. Such forces were more badly needed in Great Britain which faced the possibility of invasion by Germany whch might move on one or all of four front—Russian, Turkey, Egypt or Britain. This did not mean, however, the Prime Minister said, that a Canadian expeditionary force might not at some time be sent to Australia.

The Prime Minister announced that Canada had asked to be represented on the Pacific war council.

The government had no knowledge, declared Mr. King, other than that a long and hard struggle was ahead. However, he had confidence in ultimate victory.

Hanson's Endorsation

Hon. R. B. Hanson, Leader of the Conservative Opposition, hoped that the words of Premier King would be heeded. He was afraid that many Canadian people did not realize the peril of the present situation.

SUB SINKS U.S. CUTTER

WASHINGTON, March 26: (CP)—The United States Navy announced today that the coastguard cutter Acasia had recently been shelled and sunk in the Caribbean Sea, presumably by an enemy submarine, but all on board were rescued.

EXPLOSION KILLS 20

Premature Blast in Limestone Quarry at Easton, Pennsylvania, Today.

EASTON, Penn., March 26: (CP)—A premature dynamite explosion killed at least twenty men today in a limestone quarry at the plant of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co.

WOULD END RESISTANCE

Japanese, Evidently, Starting Out Final Drive Against Defenders Of Philippines

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 26:—Reports indicate that the Japanese are commencing an all out final attempt to end resistance of American and Filipino forces on the Philippines.

There is increased bombing and ground activity with the invaders bringing up further reinforcements on land.

Fifty-four heavy Japanese bombers battered at island forts at the entrance of Manila Bay in a six-hour assault today but damage was slight and four of the raiders were brought down.

WAR NOW ON TURN

Australian Invasion Situation Is Quiet—Port Moresby Bombed Again.

SYDNEY, Australia, March 26:—The Australian invasion situation was quiet yesterday except for another raid on Port Moresby, the nineteenth air attack which has been made on the New Guinea port which the Japanese appear to be intent on reducing. It was a hit and run raid and no damage was done or casualties caused.

Prime Minister John Curtin expressed confidence that Port Moresby would hold and suggested that a turning point in the war in the South Pacific would come in Australia.

CRITICAL IN BURMA

Japanese Claim Capture of Important Air Base as Battle for Toungoo Stays Tense.

MANDALAY, March 26. — The situation in the Burma campaign is little changed with the Japanese continuing their advance against Chinese and British forces south of Mandalay. An important air base was claimed by the Japanese to have been captured yesterday. Around Toungoo matters are still critical. This is admitted by General Sir Archibald Wavell himself.

British headquarters at Moh Ting today reported Japanese pressure against the Allied lines from the south and east with enemy parachute troops seeking to foment a native revolt.

PLEDGE OF MCARTHUR

American Commander-in-Chief Promises Victory Or Death—No Compromise.

CANBERRA, March 26: (CP)—General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of United Nations forces, pledged tonight that "there can be no compromise. We shall win or shall die and I pledge you the full resources of and all the mighty power of my country and all the blood of my countrymen." At dinner at Parliament House, General MacArthur declared his confidence in ultimate victory and said he brought "the unbreakable faith of a free man."

EPIC NAVAL BATTLE IS DESCRIBED

Never Before Was Victory Won At Such Great Odds, Declares Associated Press Writer

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—A light British naval force set fire to an Italian battleship of the 35,000-ton Littorio class with gunfire, rammed her with a torpedo amidships and damaged two Italian cruisers in a three-day running fight in the Mediterannean, the Admiralty officially announced tonight.

The Admiralty acknowledged damage to one British cruiser and three destroyers and light casualties among the crews in the successful escort of a convoy to embattled Malta.

Preston Grover, Associated Press staff writer, who was aboard the British cruiser, said "it was a battle which will go down in naval annals for not in the recollection of any officer present had such a prolonged fight been won by so small a force against such great odds." Grover said the British sailed head-on in to an overwhelming Italian fleet and drove it away three times from the convoy. The Italians finally withdrew although they had the assistance of dive bombers which attacked the convoy incessantly.

The Admiralty report denied Italians claims of extensive damage to British warships, saying that only one merchant ship had been sunk.

Jap Shipping Is Hard Hit

WASHINGTON, March 26: (CP)—It is estimated that Japan has lost one-quarter of her shipping since she entered the war. The shipping problem will become a serious one for Japan, it is believed, if there is much further extension of the war in the Pacific for her.

ACTIVITY IN LIBYA

Fighting Goes on in Spite of Sandstorm Conditions—R.A.F. Pounds Away.

CAIRO, March 26: — Despite sandstorm conditions, there is considerable land activity by both sides on the Libyan front. The Royal Air Force has been pounding away at the enemy.

DALADIER IS HEARD

Former Premier of France Blames Petain—Talks About Suspension Of Trial

RIOM, March 26:—Former Premier Edouard Daladier of France, at the war guilt trials yesterday, placed the blame for the defeat of France upon Marshal Henri Philippe Petain.

Daladier declared that a "foreign power" was endeavouring to terminate the trials because of embarrassing evidence that was being brought out.

Nothing was known about the suspension of the trials, said the presiding magistrate.

Rotary Urges Liquor Curb

Condemning the excessive and unrestricted sale and consumption of beer and liquor now prevalent in the city of Prince Rupert and because of the demoralizing effect of liquor generally in the war effort, the Prince Rupert Rotary Club today unanimously passed a resolution, submitted by Dr. Joseph T. Mandy, requesting that immediate action be taken to restrict the sale and consumption of beer and liquor through the curtailment of activities of the government liquor store, beer parlors, licensed clubs and wet canteens and also requesting that the issuance of licences for beer and liquor establishments be drastically curtailed.

MAN AND WIFE DECORATED

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—A husband and wife who rescued three Polish airmen from a bomber which had crashed near their farmhouse have been awarded the B.E.M. (Civil Division).

Bulletins

EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN

VICHY — Thirty-five persons have been executed in Spain for communist activities, according to reports reaching here.

JAPS IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER—A total of 1600 Japanese are now encamped at Hastings Park following arrival of considerable numbers from up the coast. Arrangements have been made for 500 Japanese to work in the Manitoba sugar beet fields.

NEWSPAPERS COMMENDED

VANCOUVER—The Vancouver city council passed a resolution yesterday strongly commending the three Vancouver newspapers for pressing for adequate measures for protection of the coast. The Vancouver Sun claims the resolution was directed specially toward it but the other two papers were included to be polite.

CLAIMS ASSAULT

OTTAWA — Liguoiri Lacombe, insurgent member, who was led out of the House of Commons Tuesday night, claims he was punched in the face and painfully injured after having been escorted out of the chamber. He did not identify his assailant.

CANADIANS FROM SINGAPORE

OTTAWA—The Department of External Affairs announces that ten Canadian citizens have arrived safely in Australia from Singapore. They include Mrs. David Milne, Mrs. Eugene Johnson (Victoria), Mrs. Phyllis Morris and two children, Mrs. G. C. Mitten, Mrs. Peake and child and Mrs. Sidney Wood.

ANOTHER LAUNCHED

VANCOUVER — Another 10,000 ton freighter, the Fort Babine, was launched yesterday from a Vancouver shipyard.

ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

PORT ARTHUR—Port Arthur will go on daylight saving time April 6 and Fort William is being asked to follow suit.

LINDBERGH JOINS FORD

WASHINGTON — Charles A. Lindbergh is in Washington conferring with the War Department following the invitation extended him by the Ford Motor Co. to join the new bomber manufacturing plant at Willow Run near Detroit as a consulting engineer.

ONE BLADE PER WEEK

WASHINGTON — One safety razor blade per week per shaver is to be the limit set in the United States.

QUEEN'S BROTHER ARRIVES

NEW YORK — Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of Queen Elizabeth, has arrived from England to become identified with the office of the representative of the ministry of economic warfare in the United States.

Suspension Of Forty Hour Week Being Opposed

WASHINGTON, March 26:—Organized labor is taking up a campaign against a move to have legislation enacted to suspend the forty-hour week and eliminate the closed shop.

Only Failure to Use Overwhelming Power Would Bring Defeat

Will Be More Misfortunes But They Will Not Be Without Successes, Declares Prime Minister—Atlantic Situation Is Worse Again.

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared today that the Allies "cannot lose the war except through our own failure to use our combined overwhelming strength and to use our multiplying opportunities that will present themselves to us." Addressing the annual meeting of the central council of the Conservative and Unionist Associations, Mr. Churchill said, 'I cannot offer any guarantee that we are at the end of our misfortune. It would be foolish for us not to be prepared for further heavy blows but just as last year I warned you we could not have successes uncheckered by reverses, so now in 1942 we need not expect to have reverses unrelieved by successes."

After stressing the hard fighting going on in Burma and the Japanese threats to Australia and India, Mr. Churchill said the Battle of the Atlantic, "after markedly turning in our favor for five or six months has now for the time being—and only for the time being—become worse again."

A year ago, the prime minister pointed out, Britain had stood alone. "Now three of the greatest nations in the world are allied with us."

SINKING OF SHIPS

Survivors From Two Vessels Are Landed—At Norfolk, Virginia, And East Coast Canadian Port

NEW YORK, March 26:— The Department of the Navy announces the sinking by enemy action of a medium-sized British merchant vessel off the east coast of the United States. Thirty-four members of the crew reached Norfolk, Virginia, safely.

Sinking of another Allied vessel was indicated by the announcement that forty-nine survivors had reached an East Coast Canadian port.

TO MEET MAHATMA

Sir Stafford Cripps Has Date—Negotiating With Lndian Leaders

NEW DELHI, India, March 26:—Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, will arrive in New Delhi to meet Sir Stafford Cripps, special envoy of Great Britain to India, who is in this country to win India's full co-operation in the war on the promise of political independence.

Yesterday Sir Stafford met the heads of the All India Congress party and the Moslem League. The executive committee of the All India Congress is called into session Sunday to consider the British government's proposals.

Big Battle Over Malta

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—Thirty German dive bombers were destroyed or damaged yesterday in one of the greatest air battles ever fought over embattled Malta, the Air Ministry reported tonight.

RAIDING BY AIR

Germans Come Over England And British Are Over France Again During Night

RUHR HEAVILY HIT

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—Hundreds of British bombers, including many flown by Canadians, hammered at industrial targets in the Ruhr Valley last night in one of the heaviest attacks yet undertaken from the air against Germany. A let-up in bad weather permitted the Royal Air Force bomber squadrons to resume the offensive. The Air Ministry said targets were "very heavily bombed" with loss of eleven planes.

LONDON, March 26:— German raiders were over the southeast coast of England last night, heading inland. However, little damage was done and few casualties were reported although the force was considerable.

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ACTION TO BE SOUGHT

Mass Meeting to Be Held Sunday on Trafalgar Square to Urge Opening of Second Front.

LONDON, March 26:—A mass meeting is called for next Sunday on Trafalgar Square for the purpose of demanding violent action against the enemy. Opening of a second front against Germany is expected to be demanded.