

Local Temperatures

Maximum 54
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Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)
High 6:02 a.m. 17.2 feet
17:51 p.m. 18.8 feet
Low 11:51 a.m. 8.9 feet

Russians Are Holding Upper Hand

IN TANK WARFARE MEN'S BRAINWORK IS FACTOR

Veteran Commander of Canadian Armored Division Overseas Tells of Progress to Battle-Competence

By WILLIAM STEWART (Canadian Press Staff Writer)
SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Oct. 15 (CP)—Maj.-Gen. F. W. Worthington, keen-eyed pioneer of Canada's armored formations, is whipping his own armored division into shape for campaigns the coming months may bring. Converted from infantry to tanks by intense training in Canada, Gen. Worthington's division has been moved to Britain in recent weeks for a spell of drill that will make it fully ready to do battle. The division's immediate objective is to acquire the same battle-competence achieved by Canadian troops which have been training in Britain since early in the war. It will also aim to draw abreast of another armored division which under Maj.-Gen. E. W. Sansom has been hard at work overseas about a year.

"We'll catch up with the other formations or we just no damned good," said Gen. Worthington in his matter-of-fact fashion. "It's our first job to do just that." The commander, in battle-dress and wearing the tankmen's black beret, slapped the steel shell of a Canadian-built tank largely of his own design. While he spoke briskly of his division and its training first in Canada and then in Britain, he studied the big tank towering above him. He explained the role it would play in battle and the performance that might be expected of it. Asked what part he had in its design, he replied, "Yes, I did have something to do with it."

Change From Infantry
Switching back to the subject of training, Gen. Worthington praised the training accomplishments of Gen. Sansom's division. "Taking everything into account, Gen. Sansom's division has performed wonders," he said. He told about his own division's conversion to armor. "Infantrymen make excellent tankmen, we found," he declared. "The tankman qualifies as a good tankman with what he has up here. It's what's in his head that counts."

The general touched his grey head with the end of his black, leather-covered stick. "Our men have the brains, the energy and the enthusiasm. They showed that in the camps of Canada when they turned into tankmen."

Gen. Worthington moved away from the tank as he went on to tell how the men of his division did their training in shifts that filled the day's 24 hours to speed up their transformation to soldiers in armor. "It was the only way to do the job quickly," said Gen. Worthington. "Everyone responded. My men worked like trojans. They seemed to sense the need for speed that inspired the 24-hour-a-day system. There wasn't a complaint. They'd do a fine job right through, no doubt about that."

The general moved back to the tanks concealed in tall, green bushes. He walked about it poking at its treads with his stick, examining its guns, peering closely at its thick armor plate. He talked quietly with tall, bronzed officer of his division while a blue overalled mechanic clambered about the deck of the juggernaut.

Tank Fire-Power
The general moved away from it again and tapping his knee with the stick discussed tank fire-power, the reasons behind tank design, the tank battles in Libya, employment of smoke-screens in tank warfare and methods of outwitting an opponent in armor.

Tanks—tanks—tanks. The subject seemed to be the general's only interest. He walked to his automobile. A big driver opened its door and the general leaped into its interior. The automobile took him quickly to his headquarters a few minutes away. There, in

TAXES NOT PERMANENT

Spinney Foresees Drop at War's End Despite Continued Expenditure

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 15 (CP)—G. W. Spinney, chairman of the National War Finance Committee, expressed the belief that the war-enforced high-taxation schedules will disappear with the coming of peace despite the probability that post-war rehabilitation will require a governmental policy of expenditures.

Mr. Spinney spoke to a combined meeting of Hamilton service clubs in connection with the opening of the Dominion's Third Victory Loan, for a minimum of \$750,000,000. October 19. He reviewed the country's financial requirements and described the coming loan as the real test as to whether in Canada actually are growing stronger. Emphasizing that he was speaking as a layman and not as a member nor an employee of the government, he declared of post-war taxation:

Wrong Thinking
"I think no one of us has any rightful basis for believing or expecting that the high tax schedules which have been imposed upon us as a result of the war are here to stay. . . . Such a statement to my mind is based completely on wrong thinking." He pointed out Canada's tax bill now is around \$2,000,000,000 annually, compared with \$500,000,000 before the war, and the interest on the public debt is some \$175,000,000 and likely to be increased by \$25,000,000 because of the third Victory Loan.

"If we have six or seven, or even eight, more Victory Loans before this awful business is over, our tax bill, assuming other costs on a pre-war basis, will still be substantially short of let us say half the present levy and let us not forget that the money will be owed to our own people and that the strain in meeting the interest in peace time need not be anticipated with any degree of concern."

The policy of expenditures will be needed to re-establish members of the armed forces into civil life and transfer from wartime to peace enterprises but, Mr. Spinney added, "if we as a nation will exert real self-denial and save like we have never saved before," the transfer will take care of itself through a demand for consumer goods that the people will be able to pay for from their savings.

Will Dictate a Reversal
"I am satisfied that the very logic which calls for high taxes in war years will dictate a reversal in post-war years," he declared. Asking for the leadership of large corporate investors "to buy bonds to the maximum amount which you can manage," he said "there is no intention to moderate the stress we have in the past laid upon ready marketability of Dominion of Canada bonds" for "it is fully realized that destruction of marketability would kill distribution."

He asked purchasers of war savings certificates and bonds to hold on to them at least until the war is over. He described production, manpower for industrial development and enlistments and unwillingness on the part of the people to put up money as three possible bottlenecks of the war effort, with the first overcome and authorities working to eliminate the second. Of the third, he said: "I do not believe the people of Canada will let such a bottleneck develop. I believe the Canadian people can provide the money and I am confident that they will."

WAR NEWS

CANADIANS AT KIEL

LONDON—Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons took a prominent part in the raid on Kiel Tuesday night. Two-ton bombs, as well as incendiaries, were showered on the city's shipbuilding installations and dockyards. A bomber fleet of well over one hundred planes struck with the concentrated blast of explosives which lasted over an hour and was as destructive as any of the seventy which have so far been made against the battered U-boat base. Nine British planes were lost. The Royal Air Force carried out offensive sweeps Wednesday over the French and Dutch coasts. Railway lines and other land targets were hit and at least three enemy vessels off the coast were demolished.

RUSSIANS CONSOLIDATING

MOSCOW—Defenders of Stalingrad have consolidated reclaimed positions and fighting was declared today to have reverted to artillery duelling as Soviet marines assumed the offensive in savage fighting on the western Caucasus front. The Army newspaper Red Star said that Russian troops advanced in two sectors on the steppes northwest of Stalingrad while in the western Caucasus Russian marines were cited for two actions, one a raid by a landing party against a German-occupied town on the Black Sea coast. Despite the repeated release of Nazi aerial and mechanical might, the Russians both within and north of Stalingrad continue successful in repelling the attacks with heavy losses to the enemy. A noon-day communique said the Russians were holding the upper hand.

IS QUIET IN EGYPT

Allied Planes, However, Keep Up Activity Against Enemy In North Africa

CAIRO, Oct. 15.—It is still quiet on the Middle East front as far as land operations are concerned. Aerial activity against the enemy in the desert continues. Tobruk was bombed again yesterday by Allied planes and two direct hits were scored on a merchant ship as well as damage done to shore installations.

NEW HEAD IS NAMED

Edwin R. Battley, Appointed Chief of C.N.R. Motive Power and Car Equipment

MONTREAL, Oct. 15.—Edwin Roy Battley, general superintendent, motive power and car equipment, Toronto, has been appointed chief of motive power and car equipment, Canadian National Railways, with headquarters in Montreal, according to an announcement made yesterday by N. B. Walton, vice-president in charge of operation, maintenance and construction for the National railways system. Mr. Battley succeeds John Roberts who, as managing director of National Railways Munitions Limited, is now devoting his services to the important work of that company.

Mr. Battley, in addition to other duties, will be in charge of the system shops in Canada and the United States which maintain in proper running order a fleet of 2,500 locomotives, 90,000 freight cars and over 10,000 units of passenger and work equipment. This requires a working force approximating 23,000 men.

SHORTAGE OF HELP

Prince Rupert General Hospital Is Facing Serious Situation

The help situation at the Prince Rupert General Hospital has reached a serious state and the possibility of having to close the institution is even seen. The most serious shortage is of maids and kitchen help although even some of the nurses are leaving to take more lucrative employment outside the profession. Lack of accommodation for the domestic help is not making the position any easier.

DISCUSSING 2ND FRONT

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STAND PAT BY WILLKIE

Reiterates Statement in Regard To Ripeness of Time for Second Front

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 15.—In a statement following his round the world flight to visit the fighting fronts, Wendell Willkie stood pat on his previous statements regarding a second front, declaring it was "most feasible and possible."

"We must stretch our muscles and our mind before we can win the war," Willkie declared. His own immediate task would be to give an honest report to the people on the war situation, doing his best to re-educate himself and the people.

SUPPORTED BY SOVIET

Agrees to United States and British Plan for Punishment of Those Guilty of Atrocities in Occupied Countries

MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—The Soviet government, in a special announcement today, gave full support to the plan of Great Britain and the United States for the trial after the war of persons responsible for atrocities to which people in Nazi-occupied countries had been subjected. The announcement declared Adolf Hitler and his associates to be guilty of inhuman acts.

NAZI SHIPS SENT DOWN

Four Enemy Vessels Sunk by British Naval Action in English Channel

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The Admiralty announced today that an enemy supply vessel and three enemy torpedo craft had been sunk in the English Channel by British naval action. One British warship was damaged.

INCIDENT WAS ODD

Crown Witness in Fisheries Case Identified Father Instead of Son in Obstructing Case

Samuel Guno was fined \$50 here this week for obstructing a fisheries officer in the execution of his duties. Henry Adams, similarly charged, was acquitted following a rather unique court incident.

Adams was tried in absentia and his father, James Adams, appeared in court in his stead. The unusual incident was that of a crown witness identifying the father as being actually the accused.

W. O. Fulton acted as prosecutor in the case with T. W. Brown appearing for the defendants.

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Twenty-Three More Planes Brought Down

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