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WAR NEWS

OFFENSIVE DELAY.
ANKARA—The expected spring offensive, which cannot get under way until May. Spring is late in southeast Europe this year. Also the Nazis are having transportation difficulties.

ALARMS IN BULGARIA
SOFIA—There were air raid alarms in several Bulgarian towns Saturday. Planes passed over but no bombs were dropped.

AXIS PLANES BROUGHT DOWN
VALETTA—Seven Axis planes were brought down in the course of assaults on Malta during the week-end. Four were brought down by anti-aircraft fire and three by Royal Air Force fighters.

SOME SHIPS MADE IT
LONDON—Some of the Norwegian ships which late last week made a dash from Göteborg, Sweden, have arrived safely in British ports, it is announced. Eleven ships in all made the attempt. Some were sunk and some were damaged. Others were turned back.

TANK COLUMN WITHDRAWS
CAIRO—British forces have made an Axis tank column withdraw on the Libyan Desert. The Royal Air Force has bombed Bengasi, Derna and Martuba.

RESERVES MAY FIGHT
OTTAWA—Major General B. W. Browne, officer commanding Canada's reserve army, says the reserve army may have to fight. Plans are being made to train them as rapidly as possible. Forty-five nights a year will be required of privates with an additional 45 for officers and non-commissioned officers.

THROTTLE OFFENSIVE

Russians Throwing Millions of New Troops Against Nazis—Successes in Counter-Attacks Claimed.

LONDON, April 6:—The Russians are reported to be moving the first of "several million" freshly-trained reserves into thawing battlefronts from Leningrad to the Black Sea in a fierce effort to throttle the German offensive before it begins.

Both Russians and Germans claim successes in what both describe as "counter-attacks."

The Russians claim further successes all the way from Murmansk to the Black Sea. Bryansk is under virtual siege and several villages in the Smolensk section have been recaptured.

Forty thousand Nazis have been killed on the central front west of Moscow between March 27 and April 1.

"GRANNIE" DIES ON ISLANDS

Mrs. Annie Louise Richardson, One of Charlotte's Most Highly Esteemed Figures, Dies.

"Grannie" Richardson, one of the Queen Charlotte Islands' most beloved figures, is dead. Local friends received word of the passing this morning in Queen Charlotte City Hospital of Mrs. Annie Louise Richardson of Tiell. She was widely known and highly esteemed. Numerous are those who will mourn her passing and hasten to extend condolences to the prominent pioneer island family of which she was the senior. For many years deceased was an active leader in the life of the Queen Charlottes.

Mrs. Richardson, who had been ill for considerable time, was born in England eighty-five years ago. She settled at Tiell in 1919.

Deceased is survived by four sons, Eric, Kenneth and Basil at Tiell, and Percy in Alberta, and three daughters, Mrs. M. Helawell, Tiell; Mrs. Sybil De Buey, Laxn Hill, and Mrs. Dorothy Stewart in Ontario. There are several grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The date and place of funeral will be announced later.

Papal Envoys To Warring Nations

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 6:—President Franklin D. Roosevelt revealed at a press conference Friday that he had been informed that Pope Pius was considering sending diplomatic representatives of the Vatican to both Japan and China.

PASSES IN VANCOUVER

John Geddes Succumbs Suddenly After Illness of Two Years—Member of Well Known Local Family.

Although he had been ill for two years, news of the death at the Vancouver General Hospital this morning of John Geddes, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Geddes and member of a well known local family, comes as a great shock to many friends.

Deceased was born at Peterhead, Scotland, twenty-nine years ago and came here as a small boy with his family. He received his schooling here and became a shipwright at the local dry dock. He is survived by his widow and six-year-old daughter, Joan, as well as his parents and two brothers, William and George Geddes, both of this city.

The remains are being brought home from Vancouver on the Prince Rupert and the funeral will take place here.

Y.M.C.A. To Build Here

The Young Men's Christian Association war services, it has been learned, is planning the construction of a \$35,000 building for use in connection with its activities here.

The site would be at the corner of Second Avenue and McBride Street.

BUILDING WARSHIPS

Much Activity Is Going on in This Way—Small Naval Vessels and Freighters Building.

NEW DELHI, April 6:—Three hundred naval vessels, including corvettes, minesweepers and other type of craft, as well as many freighters are under construction in India.

Former President Of Norway Coming

Carl J. Hambro to Be Here for Independence Day.

Carl J. Hambro, former president of the Storting, Norwegian Parliament, will be in Prince Rupert for Norwegian Independence Day, May 17, it is definitely announced. He is expected to arrive May 15 from Eugene, Oregon and will remain until May 19. He will make a number of addresses here.

PROJECT DELAYED

Looks Like There Will Be No Civic Centre During War Though Building May Be Erected

New developments have arisen which it is believed may rule out the possibility of the civic centre project here being proceeded with while the war is on. However, the central committee is working on a plan by which it would be possible to erect a building which would be used for war activities and become available for the civic centre function after the war. The committee, at a meeting yesterday, delegated the chairman, Dr. R. G. Large; secretary, C. G. Ham, and treasurer, G. T. German, to continue negotiations, a statement on which will be forthcoming shortly.

Meanwhile, the charter of the Civic Centre Association of Prince Rupert has arrived here from Victoria and the provincial architect's department in Victoria has promised that plans will be completed this month.

The first general meeting of members of the Association will be held within the coming month. Meanwhile membership tickets will be prepared and offered to the public so that all will have the opportunity of taking part in the annual meeting.

WILD NIGHT FOR EASTER

Was Occasion For Drunkenness And General Disorder—Police Are Kept Busy

There were thirty prisoners in the city jail this morning as police court went into session before Magistrate W. D. Vance this morning in an endeavour to dispose of some of the cases and relieve the congestion. This was the sequel of what the police conceded was one of the wildest Saturday nights, on the eve of Easter Day, that Prince Rupert has seen. No less than twenty-two arrests were made and double that number, the police say, could have been brought in. Drunkenness was the main cause of disorder and there were fights, uproar and general pandemonium.

One incident was the smashing of a plate glass window in Heilbronner's store and the snatching of four watches. The snatcher was immediately pursued and the watches were recovered from him.

Liquor sales Saturday night compared in volume with those of Christmas and New Year.

TRAGEDY AVERTED

Captain of Francois Lake Ferry Has Narrow Escape

FRANCOIS LAKE, April 6: (Special to Daily News)—Capt. A. MacKinnon, skipper of the Francois Lake ferry, narrowly escaped drowning while returning home after attending his daughter's wedding in Vancouver. The captain was walking on the rotting ice of Francois Lake following a boat on a sleigh filled with mail and baggage. All broke through the ice. The mail was kept dry in the boat. The captain managed to swim to the boat and also dragged Katherine Mohr out of the water.

FIRST ARMY IN BRITAIN

Change and Extension of Canadian Administration Overseas Officially Announced at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, April 6:—Formation in Great Britain of headquarters for the first Canadian Army under Lieutenant-General A. G. L. McNaughton was announced today by national defence headquarters.

Acting Lieutenant General H. D. G. Crerar, acting corps commander in Britain during McNaughton's recent trip to Canada, has been named commander of one of the new armys two corps.

The commander of the other corps has not yet been named.

Gas Consumption In Cuba Is Cut

People of Island Republic Will Have to Get Along With Half Quantity—Export of Beef Banned.

HAVANA, April 6:—A fifty per cent cut in gasoline consumption has been decreed in Cuba owing to the difficulties of sea-borne delivery of fuel. Export of beef from Cuba has been banned.

India Proper Now Raided

Allied Resistance In Air Is Becoming Stiffer; Jap Drive In Burma Strong; Planes Down

Red Cross Head



MISS MARGARET PALMER
New Junior Red Cross supervisor is Miss Margaret Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Palmer of Prince Rupert and the late P. I. Palmer. Miss Palmer for some years has been teaching school at Vernon, where she became keenly interested in Junior Red Cross work and was instrumental in stimulating activities of the 20 branches in the elementary school there to achieve a monthly quota of \$50.00 for war and peacetime projects.

Assault of Enemy on Ceylon Sunday Proved Boomerang, Costing Them Fifty-Seven Air Machines Destroyed Or Damaged.

India stood out today as the probable objective of the next major Japanese drive instead of Australia. Nipponese bombers carried the war into India proper today with raids from an aircraft carrier on two coastal cities north of Madras, Nizampatam, which was attacked twice, and Cocanda. Both towns lie between Madras and Calcutta. Stiffened resistance of the Allied Nations in the commonwealth cost the Japanese at least ninety-one planes destroyed or damaged during the week-end.

The Japanese are reinforcing an already strong unit in Burma and are putting on steam for a drive up the Irrawaddy River pointed directly at the rich oil fields of northern Burma and the gateway to India.

The Japanese are also more active in the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal, assaulting Ceylon from the Andaman Islands on Sunday in an air raid which boomeranged, costing them fifty-seven planes destroyed or damaged. Only slight damage was done to Colombo. A hospital was deliberately bombed and some casualties occurred there.

Allied planes staged a heavy bombing raid on Japanese bases at Rangoon.

The Japanese again raided Timor and New Guinea. A small force of enemy planes bombed Port Moresby at noon today but no damage or casualties of importance were reported.

Australians and Dutch are still fighting against the Japanese in Java, using stores of food and supplies which had been concealed before the occupation by the enemy.

The Japanese have again attempted to land on Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines and fierce fighting ensued as General Yamashita still endeavored desperately to oust General Wainwright's forces.

Detroit Wins Opening Game

TORONTO, April 6:—Detroit Red Wings drew opening blood Saturday night at the Maple Leaf Gardens in the starting game of the best four out of seven game Stanley Cup series. It was a closely contested affair played before a crowd which filled the capacity of the big arena.

EXCHANGE PRISONERS

Sick and Wounded Are Being Traded Between Great Britain and Italy at Smyrna.

AIR RAIDS ARE HEAVY

Three Hundred Royal Air Force Planes Hit Hard At Objectives In Enemy Territory

LONDON, April 6:—More than three hundred Royal Air Force bombers smashed hard during the night at the German arms industry in the Rhineland and Paris areas, it was reported authoritatively today.

Cologne was one of the main targets but the Royal Air Force also attacked the Gnome-Rhone works at Gennevilliers about three hundred miles from Paris, which is making aero-engine parts for the enemy.

WORK FOR AGREEMENT

Nothing Definite Yet Reached, However, in Sir Stafford Cripps' Negotiations.

NEW DELHI, April 6:—Negotiations with a view to arriving at an agreement on future India policy are being continued here by Sir Stafford Cripps on behalf of the British government but still nothing definite is being announced as to their progress.

A reply by the All India Congress to a compromise proposal is expected tomorrow by Sir Stafford Cripps and will be placed before the war cabinet. An Indian defence minister, it is believed, is being asked so that India may have a greater voice in its own defence.

ACTIVITY IN A.R.P.

Meeting of District Wardens Held—Need of More Workers Is Still Felt

A meeting of the district wardens of the Civilian Protection Committee (A.R.P.) was held at the week-end with J. S. Wilson, chief warden, presiding. Steady and progressive activities were reported by J. McIntosh, J. H. MacGlashan, J. E. Boddie and G. T. German.

The realistic exercises carried out by the A. R. P. teams are indicative of the seriousness with which these people take their responsibilities. In addition to practices that have already been reported in the press there were accounts of practices with oil-bombs and fires, when fires were extinguished within two and a half minutes of their being reported. First aid demonstrations were also carried out and valuable results are being obtained as a result of the actual experiences. It is pointed out that only by steady and progressive action that all phases of the A. R. P. work can be made to function effectively. There is still a lack of interest among many of the public and a need for more helpers is a matter of concern to those in charge.

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