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Mexico Decides To Declare War

DEAD IN ENGLAND

Robert H. Leighton, Formerly Forest Service Here, Dies

Robert H. Leighton, one of the pioneers of the logging industry on this part of the coast who was fire inspector with the Forest Branch at Prince Rupert for ten years in the twenties, died recently in England, according to word which has been received by Charles H. Taylor of Prince Rupert. The word came to Mr. Taylor from Jack Copeland of the Royal Air Force who is a nephew of the late Mr. Leighton.

Mr. Leighton had not been any too well but had been in the best of spirits until he was overcome by a heart attack one Sunday evening, passing away in a few minutes.

Deceased arrived first in Vancouver in 1902 and joined the law firm of the late Hon. W. J. Bowser. Later he went into the logging industry on the Queen Charlotte Islands. In 1916 he joined the Canadian Forestry Corps and served in France with the 230th Battalion as orderly room sergeant. Following the war, he joined the Forest Branch service at Prince Rupert and, after ten years' service, resigned to go to England and join his brother as partner in the Concrete Piling Co. of London.

Mrs. Leighton has been prostrated with grief following her husband's death.

HOSTAGES ARE SHOT

Ten Frenchmen Are Put To Death Following Attack Upon Nazi Soldier

VICHY, May 23: (AP)—The Germans announced today that ten hostages had been executed in France for an attack against a German soldier on May 19 and ten others will be shot if the attacker is not found within eight days. A young Frenchman who attempted to shoot the Nazi soldier made his escape.

MOVED TO INTERIOR

Sergeant Ray Baker Going To Williams Lake—Sergeant Gallagher Coming Here

Sgt. Ray Baker, who has been chief of city police here, has been transferred to Williams Lake. He will be replaced by Staff Sergeant F. W. Gallagher from New Westminster.

RELIGIOUS GESTAPO

LONDON, May: 23 (AP)—The Swiss newspaper Landbote, commenting on the number of soldiers' death announcements in the German press declares, "should the battle of 1942 bring as many losses as the summer of 1941, Europe will be reduced mostly to women, underfed children and helpless old men."

Revised
BASEBALL
Schedule
MAY 24TH, 2 P.M.
MEDICALS vs. MIDLANDS
4 p.m.—DRY DOCKS vs. WATTS & NICKERSON
MAY 25TH, 6:00 P.M.
EDMONTON FUSILIERS vs. CO-OP
8:00 p.m.—MEDICALS vs. WATTS & NICKERSON

Air Force Offensive

LONDON, May 23: (AP)—Vast squadrons of the Royal Air Force swept to an offensive across the Channel today after another night attack on the Nazi submarine nest at St. Nazaire from which all the raiders returned safely.

Historic Exeter Cathedral Badly Damaged in Raid

LONDON, May 23:—It is officially announced that historic Exeter Cathedral suffered a direct hit in a recent raid by the German luftwaffe and was badly damaged.

Many Funerals Then Her Own

Nazi Raiders Brought Death To Woman With Unusual Propensity

EXETER, Eng., May 23: (AP)—Elderly spinster Annie Bradford spent most of her life attending funerals.

Deeply religious, she studied newspapers and carefully selected funeral services she felt she would like to attend. Naturally she gave preferences to any burial rites in her own church. Rarely did she know the people she was mounrning.

The other day Annie went to her final funeral—her own.

A heavy bomb from Nazi "reprisal" raiders brought sudden death. Her body was found outside the window from which she used to gaze for hours on end.

TODAY'S STOCKS
(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	.14
Bralorne	7.25
Cariboo Quartz	1.15
Hedley Mascot	.24
Pend Oreille	1.20
Pioneer	1.40
Premier	.48
Privateer	.30
Reno	.03½
Sheep Creek	.73
Oils	
Calmont	.18
C. & E.	.90
Home	2.35
Royal Canadian	.03¼
Toronto	
Beattie	.68
Central Pat.	.93
Cons. Smelters	37.50
Hardrock	.44
Kerr Addison	3.85
Little Long Lac	1.00
McLeod Cockshutt	1.30
Madsen Red Lake	.43
McKenzie Red Lake	.65
Moneta	.27
Pickle Crow	1.73
Preston East Dome	1.88
San Antonio	1.63
Sherritt Gordon	.65

CONVOY SAVERS AWARDED

LONDON, May: 23 (AP)—Two destroyer lieutenant commanders, Guy Rolfe and Harold Unwin, have been awarded bars to their D.S.C.'s for sinking two enemy E-boats and the destruction of a German bomber during a channel battle over a convoy which lost neither a ship nor a man.

NO PAPER MONDAY

Monday being observed as the general holiday for the marking of Victoria Day, there will be no regular edition of the Daily News. The next regular issue will appear on Tuesday afternoon.

BLACKOUT REVIEWED

Smokers Were Careless During Test On Wednesday Night, A.R.P. Committee Hears

The local Civilian Protection (A.R.P.) committee met yesterday under the chairmanship of J. J. Little to consider reports and review results of the test blackout which was held on Wednesday night. There had been a gratifying and general effort on the part of the public to co-operate in observing the regulations, it was indicated. There were, of course, certain weaknesses steps to rectify which will be taken. One of the principal complaints was that of smokers lighting up and showing sparks during the blackout. Some cars had also offended with their lights. The response of the civilian population had been particularly good. Sirens in many cases had not been heard.

General reports showed progress being made as far as possible to perfect arrangements to be made in the event of an emergency arising here. There is no sign however of further equipment arriving in the near future.

HALIBUT SALES

Summary

American—30,000 pounds, 14.5c and 12c.

Canadian— 55,800 pounds, 14c, and 11c to 14.3c and 11c.

American

Middleton, 30,000, 14.5c and 12c, Pacific.

Canadian

Kalen, 14,500, 14.3c and 11c, Storage.

Morris H., 12,000, 14.2c and 11c, Atlin.

Rio Rita, 6,000, 14.3c and 11c, Storage.

Takla O., 3,000, 14.1c and 11c, Booth.

Skeena M., 9,300, 14.1c and 11c, Booth.

Nornan, 5,000, 14c and 11c, Storage.

Midway, 2,000, 14c and 11c, Storage.

Minne V., 4,000, 14.1c and 11c, Booth.

Club Licence Suspension Is Made Public

VICTORIA, May 23: (AP)—Liquor Commissioner W. F. Kennedy yesterday officially announced that the licence of the Empress Club at Prince Rupert had been suspended following conviction of an employee for violation of the Liquor Control Act.

GOOD OLD PIMPERNEL

A BRITISH PORT, May: 23—(AP) On the walls of the tiny wardroom of H.M.S. Pimpernel are more than 150 signatures, each is a receipt for life, the name of the person saved from death in the Atlantic by this convoy corvette.

BULLETINS

MORE AIRMEN ARRIVE

LONDON—Another party of Royal Canadian Air Force men arrived in Great Britain today. The group was a fairly small one.

CONFERENCE ENDS

OTTAWA—The United Nations air training conference ended here yesterday with general agreement on many matters pertaining to the prosecution of the war in the air. A tripower commission for air training in North America representing Great Britain, United States and Canada will be formed.

DROTTINGHOLM SAILS

LISBON—The Swedish-American liner Drottingholm sailed last night for the United States with 875 persons—diplomatic representatives, correspondents and their families—on board. Among those on the Dottingholn, was Admiral William D. Leahy, United Ambassador to France, being called home from Vichy for consultation.

VANCOUVER REHABILITATION

VANCOUVER—The Vancouver city council is submitting a $50,000,000 program for civic improvements to the provincial post-war rehabilitation committee. The program includes the complete reclamation of the False Creek area, rebuilding of Granville and Cambie Street bridges and a civic audiaorium and sports stadium.

TO REMOVE JAPANESE

OTTAWA — Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, announced yesterday that Japanese now engaged in road work in the Rocky Mountains would be removed to the beet fields of Ontario.

B. C. NOT JITTERY

TORONTO—Premier John Hart of British Columbia, in an interview yesterday, said the people of British Columbia were not jittery about the possibility of a Japanese invasion. They were prepared for any eventuality, declared Mr. Hart. The British Columbia Premier said that feeling was strong in British Columbia in favor of conscription.

EXEMPTION AT 80

LONDON May: 23 (AP)— WICHMORE HILL, England (AP) —G J. Smith is 80 and when in mistake he received an official notice telling him to register for firewatching in case Nazis drop incendiaries he exclaimed "Why call me? They haven't called the 79's yet?"

DOCTORING WHISKEY

LONDON, May 23: (AP)— Warning of the rising risk of whiskey being "doctored" because of wartime shortages, the British Medical Journal declares "hooch"—ormethyl alcohol may cause death in one to three days.

WIPE OUT INVADERS

Chinese Claim to Have Dealt Blow To Japanese Landing Forces At Fuchow

CHUNGKING, May 23—Half of Japanese invasion force so far attempting to land around Foochow between Shanghai and Hong Kong, has been wiped out, according to Chinese claims last night. The invasion force there is estimated at 25,000. However, the attempted landing in strength against Fuen Province appears thus far to have been routed.

The Japanese are still driving on Chekiang Province with the aim, evidently, of seizing Chinese bases from which air attacks might be made against Japanese cities. A British Royal Air Force unit reached the heart of China, it is announced.

Chinese headquarters reported today that General Chiang Kai-Shek's armies had slaughtered more than half the Japanese invasion force at one point on the China coast and had repulsed 25,000 other enemy troops attempting to land under guns of ten warships near Foochow, capital of Fukien Province. Survivors of the first Japanese force were said to have fled to their ships, abandoning huge quantities of equipment.

While the threat to Foochow appeared diminished, other Japanese columns were driving into neighboring Chekiang Province and were reported advancing rapidly on Kinkwa, gateway to the Chinese interior.

On other fronts land fighting appeared dormant. Allied planes maintained relentless attacks against Japanese bases in Burma and to the north of Australia.

Terrier Given Battle Honors

R. A. F. Mascot In Many Actions In Nearly Three Years Service

CAIRO, May 23: (AP)—Bimbo, a friendly little Yorkshire terrier, has a war record of which any soldier might be proud. Owned by a Royal Air Force pilot who takes him on all his flights, Bimbo wears his "battle honors" on his collar. Here they are: "Arab rebellion 1939, Sidi Barrani 1940, Bardia 1941, Benghazi 1941, Abu Sueir blitz, shot down in action 22-12-41, prisoner of war 1941, Malta blitz 1942."

PS. Bimbo is still "on active service" in the Middle East.

WHERE HITLER LOSES

BASLE, May 23: (AP)—Hitler, according to reports reaching here, is waging a losing fight against blackmarket smugglers of enemy-occupied Europe, swarms of whom are busy nightly on the Netherlands-Belgian border.

Sinking of Another Ship Is Last Straw; Parliament Convened

State of Hostility Against Axis Is Now All But Finally Ratified—Cardenas To Become Minister Of Defence

MEXICO CITY, May 23:—Following an emergent session of the cabinet, President Manuel Avilo Camancho has called an extraordinary special session of Parliament for the purpose of officially declaring war upon the Axis powers—Germany, Italy and Japan. It will be the first time in ninety-five years that Mexico has declared war on a foreign country. The decision of the government to declare war follows the sinking of a second Mexican vessel. Protest had already been made against the sinking of a first vessel by an Axis submarine, Germany having failed to give a satisfactory explanation.

With the declaration of war, expectation is that all property belonging to people of the Axis nations will be seized and the nationals interned.

General Cardenas, former President, is expected to be made minister of defence.

Mexico has a standing army of seventy thousand men, a reserve of 400,000 trained men and fifteen warships in the Pacific.

GIVING TO RED CROSS

Jas. Clark	$15
M. A. Burbank	10
Fred Walton	10
A. R. Leake	12
J. Jurgevich	12
G. Mogden	9.23
Mrs. A. Martinsen	7
D. R. Creed	5
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stewart	5
W. Brass	5
H. Lincoln	5
Paul Boykiw	5
W. Brannett	5
J. Osborne	5
R. Winkler	5
H. Sobels	5
R. McLean	5
F. Brezo	5
G. Gunderson	5
D. Ohrenchuk	5
S. Yulawincki	5
M. McLeod	5
L. H. Scott	5
J. Zogas	5
V. I. Courte	5
B. Richardson	5
T. Haigh	5
Mrs. H. G. Rolsch	5
Mr. and Mrs. P. Cartwright	5
W. F. Finley	5
Robert Cameron	5
Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook	5
Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayres	5
Angus McIntosh	5
Mrs. G. Funnell	5
Gillis Royer	5
Mrs. Henry Luth	5
Mrs. J. Durran	5
A. J. Watkinson	5
Mr. and Mrs. R. Nesbitt	5
Mrs. S. Dumas	5
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lancaster	5
Agnes Hill	5
Mrs. Thos. Kelsey	5
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ford	5

Baseball Scores

National League

Brooklyn 1, New York 5.
Boston 10, Philadelphia 7.

American League

Detroit 4, Chicago 7.
St. Louis at Cleveland, postponed. (Only games).

PORTUGUESE DISCOVERY

The Portuguese discovered Madagascar in the early part of the sixteenth century.

NAZIS ARE DESPERATE

Masses of Airborne Troops and Panzer Diviisions Fail to Stop Russians Around Kharkov

Centre Threatened

Allied Planes Still Attacking Bases On Burma Road and North of Australia

NAZI FLANKING MOVE

MOSCOW—, May 23— Marshal Timoshenko's shock troops are reported fighting from newly fortified positions before Kharkov today and a Red Star dispatch said the Germans are "having alternate successes" in flanking counter-attacks to the south despite the loss of fifteen thousand killed there in three days.

MOSCOW, May 23— Desperate efforts of the Germans by throwing masses of airborne troops as well as crack panzer divisions into the battle have failed to wrest the initiative from the Russians in the Kharkov area where the war between the Reich and the Soviet still centres. Fifteen thousand Nazi soldiers have been killed within the last few days. The last Nazi stronghold outside of Kharkov is declared to have fallen to pieces.

Heavy fighting also continues around the eastern part of Kerch peninsula with the Germans making claims of annihilation of Soviet forces.

Latest reports are that the Nazis are withdrawing from the assault on Kerch to concentrate on Sebastapool and Rostov.

Here, however, it is confidently declared that the whole Nazi war machine is folding up and will never again be capable of launching a major offensive.

CELEBRATION AT AIYANSH

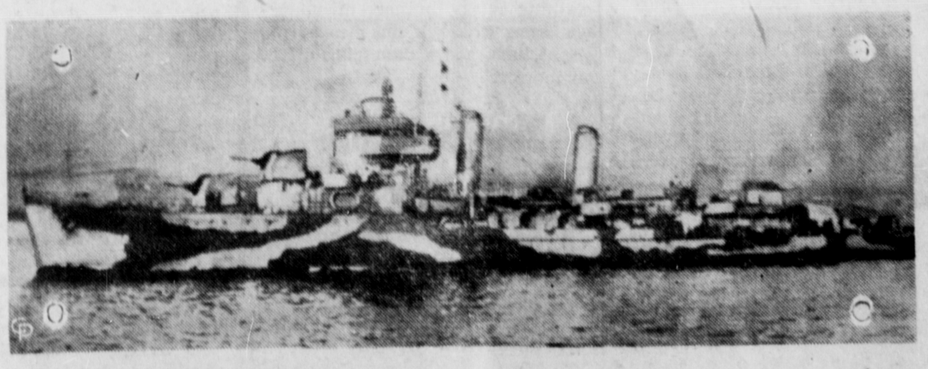
Victoria Day Sports To Extend Over Week-end—Results Of Opening Events

AIYANSH, May 23: (Special to Daily News)— In a Victoria Day celebration program which will extend over the week-end Canyon City won a canoe race and baseball game against Aiyansh. Sons of Kincolith won the first football game against Greenville.

THEATRE PERMIT ISSUED

A building permit for $9750 has been granted to Allan Carolan for the Prince Rupert Theatre Co. covering the erection of a new theatre at the corner of Second Avenue and Fifth Street, construction operations on which were started this week by the contractors, Mitchell & Currie.

U.S.S. KEARNEY RESUMES OPERATIONS AGAINST THE AXIS



Torpedoed in the North Atlantic last year, the U.S.S. Kearney limped to port. She is pictured here steaming out of an east coast port to resume opera-tions against Axis shipping.