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ITALIAN WARSHIPS AT MALTA



at anchor in the Grand Harbor at Valletta, Malta, are of the 80 Italian naval vessels that surrendered to the

Germans Slay 12-Year Olds

Allies Hit Air Fields

Objectives in France, Greece and Yugoslavia—Bog-up in Italy

ALGIERS, Nov. 17 (AP)—American bombers smashed two Nazi air fields near Marseilles, France Tuesday and other bombers hit objectives in Greece and Yugoslavia, Allied headquarters announced today.

In Italian ground fighting mud, rain and snow bogged up activities but the Americans regained some high ground north of Venafre.

The American bombers destroyed twelve of twenty-five Nazi fighters over an air base near Marseilles where the Nazis have concentrated bombers against Allied shipping. Many grounded bombers were left aflame.

At a second field the Allied bombers shot one German fighter, hit a grounded aircraft and possibly an ammunition dump.

COAL MINE SITUATION IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 17 — British miners are discontented because they distrust the private ownership which they associate with the agonies of the depression and because of wages and working conditions. They assert that they were left unprotected after the last Armistice and want more than promises before the next one and they feel that any government compulsion of labor would affect their sons but not those of the rich. Release of all miners from the forces to bolster their aging and lessening regular force is also urged.

The owners complain of absenteeism, of lack of co-operation particularly from young miners, of the reaction to bonus systems which reward workers simply for reporting at the pits, of the demands for higher wages after the unions had announced their satisfaction with increases and bonuses, of the men stopping work without their union's approval.

Output Drops

Because of these facts and because the labor force has dropped from 802,000 in 1938 to about 704,000 today Britain's output of coal is dropping. From a production of 240,000,000 tons in 1937 and 228,000,000 in 1938 it has slumped to about 201,000,000 tons.

The government's immediate objective is to jump the manpower to 720,000, regarded as the minimum necessary to meet national demands. Of the current force one miner in five is more than 50 and annual wastage of between 20,000 and 30,000 must be anticipated.

The attractions of the industry for young men can be judged by the fact that less than half one per cent called up and given the alternative of military or mining service are reported to have chosen the mines. Now compulsion has been promised.

"What is needed," it was said in one newspaper, "is technical reorganization. In the United States a smaller number of miners produce more than twice as much coal as in Great Britain. Experts explain the difference in terms of geology but that does not account for anything like all of it."

In South Wales, where the coal is such that mechanical cutting cannot, in many cases, be employed, only 24 per cent of the output comes of mechanical cutting. In Northumberland the percentage is 91.

Import Machinery

Meanwhile, plans for a considerable expansion of outcrop coal working envisage an output of 15,000,000 tons a year. Officials hope American machinery will be available to put the program into operation by April. The yield of outcrop coal

Bulletins

USING OF GAS

CHUNGKING—The Japanese charges of the Chinese using poison gas are declared here to be a "malicious fabrication." It may be that it is merely Japanese propaganda to justify the use of gas.

HONG KONG BOMBED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC—American Liberator bombers pounded dock areas of Kowloon at Hong Kong and also struck at Hainan Island.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

OTTAWA—The Journal says that a million dollar housing scheme is to be undertaken here. Large residential properties will be purchased and converted into small apartments. The scheme may be extended to Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria.

SETTLEMENT IN LEBANON

ALGIERS — The trouble in Lebanon is well on the way to being settled, it is declared by General Charles DeGaulle. The intention to give Lebanon her freedom eventually is reiterated.

SEAMEN'S HOME HERE

VANCOUVER—Loren Brown, manager of the Seamen's Home here, says a similar home is likely at Prince Rupert owing to the prospect of greatly increased shipping there.

for the present year is estimated at only 3,000,000 tons.

As far as the consumer is concerned, he is graded according to districts for the price he pays and the amount of coal he may buy. For instance, a domestic consumer in Southern England could buy 2,500 cwt. of house and kitchen coal for the four months up to the end of October and his stock could not be raised, through past purchases, about two tons without a license.

In these four months he could also buy one ton of anthracite, Welsh dry steam coal or coke. In the last three weeks of October restrictions were lifted on coke, and the ban on central heating was removed October 9.

Maximum and minimum prices in the various districts are set by agreement between the Ministry of Fuel and Power and parties concerned with the sale of coal. Typical prices in the London area in late October were:

For the best house coal, about \$16.50; for anthracite, between \$18.70 and \$20.90; for coke, about \$14.96; for steam coal, about \$13.42.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR LOCAL BOY

Flying Officer Hugh Forrest Jr., son of Hugh Forrest, formerly of this city and now of Winnipeg, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with which he will be invested by the King at Buckingham Palace in London toward the end of the month. This interesting information has just been received by Flying Officer Forrest's father who is at present in the city from Winnipeg on business in connection with his duties as a member of the auditing department of the Canadian National Railways.

Flying Officer Forrest is now engaged as an instructor with the Royal Canadian Air Force in England after having spent a year in active operations over Germany and other combat territory.

Many local friends of the young man will be gratified to learn of the honor that has been conferred upon him in recognition of his valorous services.

Full Freedom Moscow Doctrine

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 17 (AP)—Complete freedom of liberated European countries to select governments of their own choice when military operations permit was the underlying doctrine of agreements reached at the Moscow conference, United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull told correspondents here.

VEGETABLES IN CANS ON MART AGAIN

The shortage of canned vegetables which has prevailed since early in the summer ended in Prince Rupert yesterday when local stores received substantial stocks which caused quite a flurry in that sort of buying. Housewives were downtown bright and early to purchase supplies and the business in canned goods continued all day. Supplies of canned vegetables appeared to be generally ample with the exception of tomatoes, tomato juice and possibly corn. Limits per customer varied according to the stores.

One merchant expressed the belief that there would be regular supplies of canned vegetables from now on and there was no need for householders to lay in too excessive stocks.

Gripsholm On Her Way to New York

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 17 (AP)—The repatriation ship Gripsholm, returning Canadian, American and other western hemisphere nationals from Japanese internment camps, left here last night for New York, her final destination, where she is expected to arrive December 2. The vessel spent two days here.

WATER IS LOW NOW

Measures Proposed by City Engineer to Help up Pressure in System.

Owing to the precariously low volume of water entering the city water mains, especially at the higher levels, City Engineer G. S. Hanes presented a request to the city council at Monday night's meeting asking permission to negotiate for the use of metered water from the United States Engineering Department's high level system to supply city requirements in the high levels adjacent to the Acropolis hill. He was authorized to take such action as he believed necessary.

Among the factors contributing to the low water pressures in the higher parts of the city is the fact that the city balancing reservoir, the water level of which is built up from the oversupply of water entering the main supply pipe at periods when the drain-off is low, is now empty while undergoing repairs.

Another recommendation by Mr. Hanes that the Northwest British Columbia Power Company be asked to maintain a ten-foot water level in the reservoir, when it is repaired, and that it be responsible for the maintenance of dams and penstocks, was approved by the council in committee of the whole.

Mr. Hanes informed the council that water in city mains was 25 feet below the top of the reservoir which was a dangerous condition.

LEROS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Important Island in Aegean Sea Is Lost by British and Italians

CAIRO, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Germans have captured Leros Island in the Aegean Sea after severe fighting and despite determined resistance. An Allied communique announced today. The Germans pounded Leros with an overwhelming air bombardment yesterday and landed fresh reinforcements. Organized resistance ceased in the evening.

A German broadcast said that three thousand British soldiers and five thousand Italians were taken prisoners.

War-time Housing Committee Will Be Asked Here

The provincial post-war rehabilitation committee may be invited to Prince Rupert to receive local suggestions for work to be carried out in the period after the war. Before the invitation is sent for the committee to come here, however, it is felt that some definite proposals should be formulated for consideration. It was suggested at Monday night's meeting of the city council by Mayor W. M. Watts that action along this line should be taken.

It was felt by members of the council that there were projects here that might well be considered as part of a post-war rehabilitation program.

Executing Children in Poland

Institute Death Penalty For Children as Young as 12.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 17 (AP)—A newspaper report from Tliden said today that a new German death penalty had been instituted for children as young as 12. This followed a London dispatch of the Polish Telegraph Agency saying that 50 children had been seized by the Nazis in recent raids in Warsaw.

Gets Tax Bill Rehabilitation

The city will send a tax bill of \$7,426 to War-time Housing Ltd. covering certain of its properties against which \$5343 was charged last year whereas only some \$2600 was actually paid. The city council has taken the stand that War-time Housing should be standing a better part of its share of city taxation than it has been doing.

Mrs. Little Laid at Rest

Funeral of Pioneer Terrace Woman Took Place at Her Home

TERRACE, Nov. 17.—Funeral rites for the late Mrs. George Little were performed quietly Tuesday afternoon by Rev. E. W. Slater of the Anglican Church at the home on Lake-else Avenue with interment following in the cemetery at Kit-sukalum. Pallbearers were the two sons, Dudley and Gordon, E. T. Kenney, T. E. Brooks, George Dover and Len. Casey.

The Terrace community was shocked to hear about 9 o'clock on Sunday evening that Mrs. Little had passed away suddenly from a heart ailment.

Mrs. Little arrived in Terrace in 1912 soon after her marriage to George Little, well known sawmill operator. Their present fine residence on Lakelse Avenue was built a few years later and here they raised a fine family of boys and girls. Fifty-six years of age, Mrs. Little leaves, beside the widower, two sons, Dudley and Gordon, and three daughters, Dorothy and Clara and Edith.

Explosion Death List is Higher

NORFOLK, Va., November 17 (AP)—The explosion at the United States Navy's mine depot at Yorktown, Virginia, early Tuesday killed eight civilian employees and injured three. It has now been disclosed. The explosion caused "extensive" damage and several fires which were finally brought under control.

Windows were broken in Norfolk and Portsmouth, twenty air line miles away, and Norfolk citizens were shaken in their beds by the blast.

Elizabeth To Be Made Duchess At Age of 18 Years

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Daily Mail reported today that Princess Elizabeth "probably will be created a Royal Duchess" on coming of the age of 18 years on April 21 next when she will be able to assume sovereign power if the need arises.

Change in Ottawa

City of Canada Virtually Transformed—Many More Buildings

Ottawa is one of a Canadian series outlining the growth of war on Canadian cities. (Tells of Ottawa.) by JACK WILLIAMS Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Nov. 17 (AP)—Transformation of Ottawa into the centre of a nation at war through unprecedented increases in population and has the city with great new buildings. The most Canadian cities, Ottawa's wartime expansion has increased its offices and administrative buildings more than in industry. The growth of the defence department and the creation of a new organization in the national department, which employ almost 5,000 employees, have been the major causes of the increase of some 25,000 in Ottawa's working personnel.

The influx has brought new housing problems. The population of the city was reported to have increased from 158,581 in 1939. The new buildings are the brunt of Ottawa's housing problem and have to be built in space outside the city. Some are coming in to Ottawa from points 25 or 30 miles from their offices.

Some are among the most serious problems the city has. The downtown Ottawa and on the outskirts vast two and three story temporary buildings have been built up to provide office space. Freeding new workers has been such a problem that churches are operating as temporary offices in their Sunday schools.

Producing For War Although Ottawa is not an industrial city, the plants she has been largely converted to production. One factory in peace-time made street lamps and small airplanes now turning out Anson bombers. Another factory that manufactures camping supplies is producing equipment for Canadian troops.

The National Research Council and in other government laboratories work is centred almost entirely on the war. Important developments have been made although they are shrouded in war-time secrecy.

Many of those served in Ottawa's civil service in peacetime are absent from their desks. Ottawa has made her contribution to the armed forces. Men from this city are fighting with the army, navy and air force in all theatres of war.

Ottawa has removed some of the burden from the capital's social

MURDER IN MONTREAL

Fourteen Year Old Boy Held in Connection With Slaying of Mother and Attacks on Younger Children.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17 (AP)—Police said today that they were holding George Webster, aged 14, on Friday for questioning after his mother, Mrs. Andrew Webster, was found murdered in bed and three other persons, two of them Webster children, were taken to hospital in a serious condition. A baseball bat was found in the bedroom.

Andrew Webster, vice-president of a Montreal building supply firm, was in Toronto when the attacks occurred.

Police said there was no evidence of robbery.

RED ARMY ADVANCES

Korosten and Gomel Appear to Be Immediate Objectives in Latest Fighting

MOSCOW, Nov. 17.—The Red Army is now within thirteen or fourteen miles of the important railway town of Korosten, west of Zhitomir, and is closing in with artillery fire from three directions.

Meanwhile the advance on Gomel to the north continues.

Three thousand Germans were killed in yesterday's fighting.

Set Preliminary For November 22

TERRACE, Nov. 17.—The preliminary hearing of Kenneth Barry Keating, Royal Canadian Air Force, who is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of David Edgar Schryver, another Airforceman, on November 13, is expected to come up on November 22.

It is alleged that during a fight at a dance near Terrace Keating inflicted injuries to Schryver, which caused Schryver's death a short time afterward.

Since recent amendments to the Coroners' Act preclude the necessity of holding an immediate inquest, Schryver's body has been shipped to Toronto.

It is understood that medical evidence showed that death was due to concussion.

Neil Lang returned to the city today from a trip to Vancouver.

life but the growth of Canada's relations with other countries has brought the city new international importance.

Expropriation Is Threatened

City Council to Obtain Legal Advice in Checking up on War-time Housing.

The city council was advised in a communication Monday night from G. M. Christie of War-time Housing that it was proposed to deal with the matter of securing additional city lots under the Expropriation Act but it was hoped that amicable negotiations with the city might be maintained.

Another letter from Mr. Christie, replying to a decision of the city to withhold for more favorable terms the delivery of title to 131 lots for War-time Housing, said that it was expected the city would carry out the terms of the original agreement.

On motion of Ald. Daggett, seconded by Ald. Brett, it was decided to obtain legal opinion on these matters and, at the suggestion of Ald. Elliott, there will be a check-up on Mr. Christie's authority.

Would Have Kept Canada From War Declaration

At Monday night's meeting of the city council there was a communication from the city council of Windsor, Ontario, seeking endorsement for a resolution calling upon the Dominion government to publish the names of persons whom Gladstone Murray, former general manager of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, charged had endeavoured to use the radio of Canada to stampede public opinion in advance of a session of Parliament, to prevent a declaration of war against Germany.

Major Murray, according to the resolution, had said that "a group of responsible men in the left wing of politics had stated that, under the purest view of neutrality, British Broadcasting Corporation broadcasts should be taken from the air and German news broadcasts should be given equal and corresponding representation and that there should be powerful advocacy of state neutrality as the decision which Parliament should take."

No action in connection with the resolution was taken, the correspondence being filed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark returned to the city today from a trip to Vancouver.

MIDGET BRITISH SUBS DAMAGE VON TIRPITZ



The German battleship Von Tirpitz pictured above in her hideaway in a Norwegian fjord. has been damaged by a fleet of tiny British subs who attacked her below her waterline. Three of the subs are missing. The picture shows the huge battleship protected by small craft around her sides as well as by a torpedo net, seen to left.