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WAR IN TUNISIA—

AXIS IS BACKING UP FAST

Shows Elements of Haste and Panic Although Another Stand Expected

ITALIAN DIVISION TAKEN

LONDON, April 13 (CP)— Algiers radio said today that the British Eighth Army had reached Enfidaville, twenty - seven miles north of Sousse and fifty miles south of Tunis, and nearly the whole of the Italian Vittoria Division had been captured. London sources said Axis armies withdrawing into the Tunisian tip totalled about 210,000 men, 150,000 of them Germans.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, April 13 — There are all signs of haste and panic on the part of Axis forces in their headlong retreat before the Allied armies in Tunisia. However, large portions of the enemy armies in southern Tunisia are not as yet completely cut off.

Marshall Erwin Rommel is still organized and is expected to put up a stiff fight before being driven out of North Africa.

Superintendent Of Dry Dock

A. M. Kerr Succeeds Allan Cormack Who Was Transferred South Recently

A. M. Kerr has been promoted to the position of general superintendent of the local dry dock in succession to Allan Cormack who left recently for Vancouver. Bernard Allen continues in charge of the yard as assistant to the vice-president of the Canadian National Railways.

PROMOTED IN ARMY

Major General Roberts Placed in Command of All Reinforcements Overseas — B.C. Men Move Up

OTTAWA, April 13 (CP)—Department of National Defence headquarters Monday night announced the appointment of Major General J. H. Roberts, who commanded the Canadian forces in the Dieppe raid last August, to command all Canadian reinforcement units in the United Kingdom.

Brigadier J. F. A. Lister of Victoria is promoted from the rank of colonel and becomes deputy adjutant and quarter master general of the Canadian Corps overseas.

Brigadier J. E. Sager, aged 45, Vancouver, is promoted from the rank of lieutenant-colonel and placed in command of a Canadian infantry brigade.

MAKES MICRO-MICROSCOPE

LONDON, April 13 (CP)—Prof. L. C. Martin has designed a new kind of microscope so powerful it shows particles too small to be seen by optical methods. Known as the electron microscope even the shape of particles of smoke can be clearly seen.

Holding Own Against Subs

LONDON, April 13 (CP)— Prime Minister Winston Churchill reiterated in the House of Commons today that "we are more than holding our own in the Atlantic battle against German u-boats."

ON THE WATCH FOR THE ENEMY IN TUNISIA

A constant alert at the anti-aircraft guns is maintained at this advance U.S. air and fighter base near the German lines in Tunisia. The air base and some of the aircraft, are shown in the photo, just received.

PRINCESS IS BUSY

Royal Chatelaine at Dominion Capital Active in Essential Work

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OTTAWA, April 13 (CP)—The fairy tale picture of a princess, sitting in an ivory tower with folded hands, waited on by a bevy of servants, doesn't fit Princess Alice.

The wartime days of the wife of Canada's Governor - general, the Earl of Athlone, are crammed as full of activity as those of almost any woman in Canada. She doesn't sit down on the job, either.

Princess Alice walks mile after mile inspecting war industries, military establishments and other elements of the war effort with her husband. Reporters in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto — in fact, from coast to coast—know she has intelligent and interesting comments to make about virtually everything she sees.

Princess Alice is a tall, slender English woman with white hair and blue eyes. She is quite an early riser—the hour depending on the morning's program. By 11 a.m. she has always had her breakfast, a walk through the grounds of Rideau Hall if the weather is reasonable, and has read her mail.

Meets Many People

Appointments start at 11. It may be the head of a war service or of a large women's organization, or it may be someone who has rendered a particular service to Canada.

Princess Alice doesn't relax after her morning. Most days there are guests for lunch—always official guests now, because there is no purely social entertainment at Government House. Two afternoons a week she makes no appointments, Tuesday and Thursday, because she's up to her eyes in other work.

Tuesday a group of women who sew comforts for the Navy gathers at Rideau Hall and the hostess's needle is one of the busiest. Thursday Princess Alice gets herself tangled up in splints and bandages. With members of her staff, her lady - in - waiting, Vera Grenfell, some of the Government House servants and a few women from Rockcliffe suburb she studies first aid under instruction of the St. John Ambulance Association.

When her afternoon engagements permit she likes to walk, not in the gardens of Rideau Hall but along the corridors of hospitals, or war factories. Recently she has been visiting Ottawa barracks of the R. C. A. F. Women's Division, the Canadian Women's Army Corps or the Royal Canadian Women's Naval Service.

"Her Royal Highness is very interested in the welfare of women in the services," said Miss Grenfell.

Princess Alice and the governor-general seldom have a quite dinner alone. Usually they are guests for dinner at one of the foreign legations here or they entertain themselves.

Evenings Busy

Princess Alice doesn't get many free evenings, either. When she isn't entertaining officially or being entertained, she likes to go to the art gallery or listen to good music.

Trips away from Ottawa don't mean relaxation for they are not pleasure jaunts. She went to Montreal one day recently. The party arrived in time to attend a symphony concert.

By 10 o'clock next morning she was at the Neurological Hospital and spent two hours walking about the buildings, talking to patients and hearing about equipment. She entertained guests at lunch and in the afternoon attended a meeting of the Junior Red Cross. In the evening she attended another musicale and returned to Ottawa.

Big Attack On Moresby; Japs Downed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 13 (CP)— The Japanese flung one hundred planes at Port Moresby Monday in the heaviest aerial attack of the war in this theatre but thirty-seven of them were shot out of the skies or badly damaged. An Allied communique said that in two days the Japanese have lost seventy-six planes, adding "it is believed the air offensive of the enemy has been blunted and his immediate plans dislocated." The Port Moresby battle lasted 40 minutes. The Japs had lost 22 planes at Oro Bay on Sunday.

SHRINKAGE OF LABOR

Fishing and Farms Are Drawing Men Away From Local Dry Dock Employ

The local dry dock reports a shrinkage in the labor supply with men becoming increasingly scarce at a time when it would be desirable to have a readier supply of labor. The cause of the exodus of men from the yard is believed to be the seasonal movement to the fishing and farming industries. The situation is not serious as yet.

IODINE FROM OIL WELLS

The Soviet Union's main source of iodine is now the water from Baku oil wells.

SITUATION IN AFRICA

Prime Minister Sees General Election Likely This Year—Other News Highlights

CAPE TOWN, April 13 (CP)—Prime Minister Smuts' announcement in parliament that, unless something quite unusual happens to prevent it, the general election will be held this year, has directed the thoughts of the nation to politics and political campaigning.

General Smuts also told parliament that nothing could be said at the moment about South Africa's policy at post-war council tables of the peace conference; that negotiations for South African lease-lend agreements would start soon; that, as far as any recommendation for mercy was concerned, the appeal case of Robey Leibrandt, condemned traitor, would be considered on its merits and that opposition attacks on Russia and America were simply asking for trouble.

Motor Vehicle Control

Schemes for rationalization and co-ordinated control of motor vehicles, spares, rubber, oil, petrol, have been worked out at a series of meetings at Cape Town attended by Minister of Railways Sturrock, Minister of Commerce Waterson and various controllers and representatives of all transport undertakings.

Immediate improvements will be complete elimination of cross delivery by merchants and manufacturers and introduction of bus feeder services to trams and railways.

Many Johannesburg shops now are closing two days weekly to conserve stocks and shutting earlier on other days when daily quota of goods is exhausted. Importation of domestic electric irons from Great Britain and America have ceased till the end of the war. A resulting boom in old-fashioned flat irons brought about production of 600 a day from one Germiston factory alone.

The Native Affairs Committee of Johannesburg city council has approved a $45,000,000 scheme to provide 20,000 houses for native workers. The scheme includes purchase of 4,000 extra acres for native townships and provision of additional railway services for native workers.

Sharks Liver Oil

Man-eating sharks off the East South African coast could provide South Africa with industry capable of supplying the whole world with vitamin "A," says C. L. Biden, well-known fishing authority, who believes the discovery 12 months ago that vitamin "A" could be extracted from shark liver one of the greatest of the century. Biden maintains there is no source in the world for sharks like the Natal Coast, centering on Durban.

Pending introduction of a free hospitalization scheme for the Transvaal, the United Party in provincial council has put forward a motion, now through second reading, for a scheme costing $2,250,000 for widespread extension of existing hospital services.

Major Frederick Harry Bradley, who won the Victoria Cross in the South African War when as a member of the Royal Field Artillery he rescued guns during an action in Natal, died in Gwelo, at the age of 66.

New African types of roofs for modern homes containing no timber have been designed as a result of a national competition held by the building controller.

Chemists throughout the South African Union are now producing their own face creams, tooth powders, headache tablets, as the result of import restrictions.

BUILDING QUARTER MILLION

Permit for Two Hundred Wartime Housing Residences Taken Out During March

During the month of March Wartime Housing took out a building permit for two hundred houses in Section Six, the aggregate value being placed at $250,000. This, together with a few small permits issued during the month, brought building value for March up to an aggregate of $259,975. So far this year permits have totalled $252,160 as compared with $13,250 in the first three months of 1942.

The small permits in March were:

Thor Selvig, Frederick Street, addition to porch, $425.

J. Kargol, porch, Ninth Avenue West, $100.

George Thain, small addition, Ninth Avenue West, $450.

Income Tax Of Farmers

Agricultural Members Would Give Them Same Exemptions as Wage Earners

OTTAWA, April 13—Agricultural members of the House of Commons urged that farmers and their wives should have the same income tax exemptions as wage earners—$1,200 for married men and $660 for married women.

Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, was not in favor of the proposal. He took the ground that farmers were actually in business for themselves and that to meet the request would be discriminatory against shopkeepers and others in business.

HIT HARD AT BURMA

Royal Air Force is Continuing Its Activity in That Area

NEW DELHI, April 13 — The Royal Air Force delivered a bombing attack yesterday on Maiu Peninsula of Burma, hitting railway communications and ammunition dumps of the Japanese.

Details have been announced of the big raid of Sunday at Tangoo where installations which had taken coolies weeks to put in were completely destroyed.

Railway Station Is Being Closed

The Canadian National Railways is closing the station at South Hazelton which has been operated since the railway opened in 1914. Station Agent W. A. Gow, who has been in charge since the first, will take a vacation.

Fighter Field on Kiska And Attu Bombing Base Are Nearing Completion

Speculation Voiced on What Enemy's Plans May be in North Pacific After Foothold Has Been Completed

AT A UNITED STATES BASE IN THE ANDREANOF ISLANDS, April 13 (CP)—Despite repeated bombing the Japanese are pushing to completion a long fighter field on Kiska Island and a long bomber field on Attu, Eleventh Bomber Command headquarters reports. The Kiska runway, which within two weeks may have zeros booming from it to meet American bombers, has been bombed and Attu has been attacked by four-engined bombers. After the bombings, the Japanese, apparently, crawled from trenches in surrounding fields and used loosened stone.

The runways made indicate the enemy is preparing:

1—To repel naval bombardment with zeros.

2—To repel any landing on the few existing beaches.

3—To harass advances United States bases if possible.

4—To hit United States shipping lines.

WEATHER IMPROVED

Much More Sunshine This Year in Prince Rupert Than Last—March Pleasant Month

There has been a great deal more sunshine in Prince Rupert so far this year than there was in the first three months of 1942 and precipitation is also up slightly.

So far this year the sunshine has aggregated 256.7 hours compared with 186.9 hours in the corresponding period of last year.

The precipitation this year so far has amounted to 24.99 inches as against 23.6 inches in the first quarter of 1942.

This March was a much more pleasant month than last. The sunshine amounted to 122 hours as compared with 59.2 hours while the precipitation was only 4.85 inches as against 13.89 inches in March 1942.

No Fire Loss Here in March

Department Was Called Out Fourteen Times, Making 42 to Date So Far This Year

There were fourteen fire alarms in Prince Rupert during the month of March thie year as compared with nine in the same month last year. Alarms so far this year have totalled forty-two as against twenty-six in the first quarter of 1942.

Fire caused no damage in Prince Rupert this March.

LISTEN GIRLS —

Amboina, that Dutch East Indies island in the war news these days is properly pronounced "AM-BOY-na."

Jap People Are Warned

TOKYO, April 13—The Japanese government is endeavoring to prepare the people for direct air blows on the Kingdom including this capital city itself. There have been warnings from Allied quarters that such attacks may be expected in the near future.

Australia Is on Spot

Japan Concentrating Great Forces To North of Commonwealth

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 13 (CP) — Japan has concentrated 200,000 first line troops and a great air force above Australia and may be expected to undertake an offensive at any time, Sir Thomas A. Blaney told a special press conference today. General Blaney who is commander-in-chief of Allied ground forces in this area, said heavy Japanese air assaults in recent days marked the opening phase of the enemy's struggle to regain parity in the air.

"The result of this struggle in the next few weeks will have great importance for us," General Blaney said.

NAZIS ARE HELD BACK

Five Heavy Attacks in Leningrad Area Repulsed—No Gains in Donets

LONDON, April 13 (CP)—The Germans launched five heavy attacks on Monday at the Soviet line before Volkhtvo, southeast of Leningrad, but were beaten back after losing more than two thousand men in hand to hand fighting, Moscow reported. The fifth attack drove a wedge into the Russians lines but a Red counter attack restored the former positions.

In the Donets Valley the Germans continued the attacks but made no gains.

Volkhovo is eighty-five miles southeast of Leningrad. This is where the most activity at present prevails on the Russo - German front although the Nazis are making a stiff fight in the Donets area in the effort to get through.

Plastic Resin Building Faces

LONDON, April 13 (CP) — Far-reaching and important discoveries in plastic resin has now made it possible for war-injured and civilian raid casualties who lost ears and noses to have natural appearances restored without multiple operations.

Tests of facial features from plastic resin have convinced experts the material may lead to radical changes in reconstructive surgery.

One synthetic resin, known as "Portex," can be made to produce either a very hard "ivory" or "bone," a soft, resilient, rubber-like substance or a liquid. It has been used to build noses, cheeks, ears and to replace skin tissues. The substance has the same resilience as healthy flesh and cannot become indented by pressure.