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(Pacific Standard Time)

Tuesday, April 10, 1945

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Allied Blows Puncture West German Defences

BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS DRIVE INTO MANDALAY—Members of British and Indian infantry units of the 14th Army are shown advancing through the village of Ywathitgyi, during the drive on Mandalay, which other units of the 14th Army struck from three opposite directions. This village was strongly defended by the Japs but was finally captured after R.A.F. planes blasted enemy positions.

American Spearheads Race Toward Berlin as British Force Lays Siege to Bremen

50,000 Germans In Holland Face Annihilation By Canadians—Zutphen Captured

PARIS, April 9 (CP)—A series of continuous and devastating blows are being dealt the Germans all along the western front. The latest front line dispatch places the American Ninth Army tanks only 128 miles from Berlin. At the time of that report, Ninth Army armored forces were moving along a superhighway, and advance tank elements almost certainly are closer to the Nazi capital by this time. Other Ninth Army forces have driven to within five miles of Hanover.

The British Second Army has laid siege to the big Gerfan port of Bermen. Another British column was last reported [illegible] s from Hamburg.

In the [illegible]r, the battle of annihilation is continuing, with the bag of German prisoners growing hourly.

Some 50,000 Germans left in Holland are today facing a twin threat. The fast - travelling Fourth Canadian armored division is dashing northward, seeking to join Allied airborne troops in northern Holland. Other units of the Fourth division have consolidated a bridgehead over the Dortmund-Ems Canal, forty-seven miles south of Efden. At the same time, the Third division is in possession of the town of Zutphen, twentry miles southeast of the Zuider Zee. The town was taken in fighting Sunday, two days after the street battle began.

Canadian forces in the north are meeting strong German resistance along the Ijssel River in the advance towards Deventer, eight miles north of Zutphen. However, limite dgains have been made east of the town.

WORLD PEACE CENTRE MAY BE IN U.S.

LONDON, April 9 (CP)—It is reported in London that the [illegible] strong sentiment developing among representatives at the Commonwealth conference in London to locate the headquarters of the new World Security League somewhere in the western hemisphere. There appears to be little likelihood that the delegates will go further than a general recommendation on the subject. However, the advocates of a shift from Geneva, figure that a move to the United States would help guarantee that country's continued interest and participation in world affairs.

INQUEST INTO SHOOTING OF SAMUEL McKAY

An inquest is expected to be held Tuesday afternoon into the death of Samuel McKay, native of Greenville, who died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital at 6 p.m. Saturday of a gunshot wound received 24 hours earlier while he was hunting at Fishery Bay on the Naas River.

Staff Sergeant G. A. Johnson, of the provincial police, who left the city Saturday in the police launch P.M.L. 15 for Fishery Bay to investigate the shooting, returned this afternoon.

McKay and two other men were hunting seals on the Naas river Friday when a gun discharged, the bullet striking McKay in the lower abdomen. The wounded man was brought to Prince Rupert early Saturday morning.

B.C. Ports To Be Busy

OTTAWA, April 9—A new security blackout is expected to be clamped down on British Columbia shipping and shipbuilding ports as Canada opens intensive activities against Japan now that the war in Europe is about over and the Battle of the Atlantic is all but cleaned up.

Pacific ports are expected to be in for a new spell of intensive activity with the dispatch of a Pacific Expeditionary force and the movement of munitions and war supplies. This will tax all transportation facilities through these ports.

The Royal Canadian Navy will transfer the bulk of its operations from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Shipyards will be kept busy on refitting work while naval personnel gets leave.

Once the Canadian fighting ships get into the Pacific, Pacific coast yards will have to maintain their servicing and the job will be a big one.

CANADA HAS SPOTLIGHT AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 9 (CP) — Canadian affairs will receive considerable prominence in Washington this week. Reconstruction Minister Howe and Agriculture Minister Gardiner are going to participate in discussions with British and American officials on the grave problem of Allied food shortages.

Canada also will have a hand in shaping a suggested constitution for the world court of international justice.

On Thursday, the United States Senate small business committee will open hearings on the American government's contract with the Aluminum Company of Canada.

The most important of the three is the food conference. It is believed inevitable that stricter rationing in both Canada and the United States will be necessary if Europe is to be saved from starvation.

NAZI OFFICERS ASK SURRENDER

LONDON, April 9 (CP)—German officers are broadcasting from Allied radio stations surrender appeals to the Germans trapped in the Ruhr.

This is part of a psychological campaign directed principally to Nazi officers holding out in sections of the Ruhr. In discussing this campaign, one Allied officer said: "We've cracked German enlisted men as a whole, but not the officers. They still are forcing resistance."

War News Highlights

V-Bomb Danger Over

LONDON—A government official has expressed an official opinion that the V-bomb danger is over for England. Capture by British and Canadian troops of V-2 launching bases in Holland has made further bombardment high unlikely, he said. Casualties since the V-bomb raids began last summer have amounted to 8,000 killed and 2,500 seriously injured, he revealed.

More Visitors

STOCKHOLM—Six German aircraft containing 13 Nazi officials landed at a Swedish airport Sunday, but the occupants denied that they were fleeing the Reich. They claimed to have lost their way.

41 Generals Liberated

LONDON—The whole of the 1940 YugoSlav general staff which fought against the Germans and was later captured, has been discovered by British troops in Germany. The 41 officers escaped an Osnabruek prison camp and walked for five days before contacting the British.

Luftwaffe Lost Will to Fight

PARIS — A bright aerial picture for western Europe is painted by the commander of the United States Army Air Forces, General H. H. Arnold. He says Allied planes can now fly over Germany at any time and in any kind of weather. General Arnold declares: "It looks like the German Air Force has lost its will to fight aggressively. It is no longer mobile because of the lack of fuel.

Shake-up in Vienna

NEW YORK—The Vienna radio reports a shake-up in the administration of the area. The broadcast, heard in New York, says Deputy Gauleiter Karl Schartizer will take over command instead of the present district governor and permanent deputy Reich commissioner of Vienna, Doctor Delbruegge.

YugoSlavia Represented

MOSCOW—There will be YugoSlav representation at the forthcoming San Francisco World Security Conference. In Moscow, Stanoje Simic, YugoSlav ambassador to the Soviet Union, announces he plans to attend the meeting as the YugoSlav delegate.

Jap Dead 314,000

MANILA—The count of Japanese killed and captured in the Philippines has reached 314,854. The communique announcing this figure adds almost 6,500 enemy dead and 179 prisoners to the official total of one week ago.

Canadians On Okinawa

GUAM—Twenty Canadian Army Officers are in Okinawa observing the various functions of United States Army units engaged in clearing the Japanese from the island. Ten other Canadian officers are serving in General MacArthur's southwest Pacific theatre as observers.

Bombings Continue

LONDON—The Allied air forces are continuing the round-the-clock pounding of German industrial targets. Large formations of R.A.F. heavy night bombers have blasted submarine building yards at Hamburg and a synthetic oil plant near Leipzig. The night raids followed daylight attacks by almost 2,000 planes on a variety of German targets. Fast British Mosquito planes lashed at Berlin again last night.

FORTUNE TELLER'S FORECAST WAS PROBABLE CAUSE OF MAN'S SUICIDE

A gloomy future as forecast by an Edmonton fortune teller may have been a factor leading to the death of Alexander Lawson, railway sleeping car porter, who died with his throat slashed in a small compartment of a sleeping car on a westbound passenger train Friday.

At an inquest Saturday afternoon jury Coroner M. M. Stephens found that Lawson "met his death by self-inflicted wounds with a straight razor on the coach Belfact between Prince George and Endako."

Testimony of Quester West, porter of an adjoining coach, and a friend of Lawson for the last ten years, revealed that Lawson had his fortune told shortly before leaving Edmonton the day before. West said that Lawson had informed him that he had his fortune told, but had not volunteered further information. West told jurors that the matter seemed to be praying on Lawson's mind when he last saw him at 4:30 a.m. Friday.

West discovered Lawson's body at 6 o'clock when he searched for him after Lawson failed to show up for breakfast in the dining car at the usual time. The train was then near McCall, a village east of Endako.

A letter written by Lawson to a sister in Saskatchewan the day before and found in his clothing by provincial police Constable J. W. Purdy of Burns Lake indicated that at that time Lawson was in good spirits and satisfied with his job. Constable Purdy accompanied the body to Prince Rupert.

"I have a good job and I want to keep it. I want to buy a farm," the dead man had stated. It was indicated that the letter was written before Lawson had had his fortune told.

The probability that Lawson had fet his death by foul play was introduced when Constable Purdy revealed that when he searched the dead man's clothing he found "not a cent" of money, nor a watch. However, it was allayed when West and William Cecil Bradley, sleeping car conductor of the train, explained that it was possible for a porter to make a "run" without money by signing for meals and making use of company sleeping accommodation at Prince Rupert.

Bradley said that he had found Lawson to be an efficient worker and apparently mentally well balanced.

The jurors were Robert Cameron, foreman, Axel Peterson, Robert Parker, T .H. Wilford, Wilfred Taylor, and Thomas Duffy.

Eastern Banker Takes Own Life

NEW YORK, April 9 — Leon Fraser, prominent New York banker, died by suicide at his estate here Sunday. He died of a gunshot wound shortly after he had been found by an estate gardener. He left a note saying that he was growing melancholy and could not carry on. Fraser was president of the First National Bank of New York, and former president of the bank of international settlement.

LONDON, Pilots at main British ports are considering a plan to establish a Central Pilotage Authority in place of the existing local authorities.

Showdown Imminent At Okinawa

GUAM, April 9 (CP)— A showdown appears imminent in the battle of Okinawa Island at Japan's front door.

The Japanese have finally begun their long awaited stubborn defence of the island. American forces are braving heavy artillery and machine gun fire in their drive on the island capital of Nahoa, and their gains now are measured in yards. Everything points to the inevitability of a great climactic battle at the southern end of the island, where the enemy has concentrated most of his troops.

It is doubtful, however, that the Japanese can hold out for long on Okinawa. Ground forces now must bear the brunt of the island's defence. The enemy air force has been crippled in recent strikes by carrier planes and super-bombers, attacks which have cost the enemy 590 planes. What's more, the remnants of the Nipponese fleet have been dealt a stunning blow, with the super-dreadnaught Yamato and five other big enemy warships now at the bottom of the East China Sea.

Additional facts on that big naval victory are coming in today. Associated Press Correspondent Hamilton Faron says American torpedo bombers scored at least eight direct hits on the Yamota, the pride of the enemy fleet.

Swarms of carrier planes literally darkened the skies as American naval warhawks closed in for the kill. One pilot described it this way. He said: "There were so many planes making runs that we couldn't tell whose torpedoes were hitting."

FINNISH PREMIER RESIGNS

NEW YORK—Premier Paasikivi of Finland has handed in his resignation to President Von Mannerheim the Finnish radio reported today. Mannerheim has asked the cabinet ministers to carry on until a new government has been formed.

"SUN VALLEY OF CENTRAL B.C." IS NEXT DOOR TO PRINCE RUPERT

Terrace Puts Old Sol to Work in Publicity Effort — Board of Trade Prepares Resolutions for Associated Board Meeting

TERRACE, April 9 — Henceforth, Terrace and district will be known as "Sun Valley of Central B.C." That was the slogan adopted by the Terrace and District Board of Trade at its monthly meeting last week from a host of phrases submitted by school children nn a competition sponsored by the Board.

The slogan was conceived by Robert Lambly, who won the first prize of $15 set aside for the originator of a slogan which the Board considered would lend maximum color to the Terrace publicity effort. It will be used on Board of Trade stationery and advertising signs.

Terrace intends to take an active part in the renewed activities of the Associated Boards of Trade which are scheduled to meet at Vanderhoof on May 3. The meeting appointed George McAdams and Duncan Kerr to be delegates, and prepared five resolutions which will be presented to the conference.

The resolutions will request that:

1. A tourist pamphlet be drawn up featuring the "circle tour" from Vancouver to Prince George to Prince Rupert.

2. That the Associated Boards of Trade support the provincial government in its struggle for equalization of freight rates for British Columbia.

3. That a permanent bureau be established to promote settlement of returned service men in Central B.C.

4. That the provincial government's plan for rural elec-

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BRIEF OF LOCAL CO-OP IS HEARD

OTTAWA, April 9 (CP)—Operations of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association were outlined Monday to McDougall Royal Commission on taxation of co-operatives opening final phase of Dominion-wide inquiry. The Prince Rupert brief said the association was formed in 1931 because of low prices received for fish, cost and condition of gear and food provided by private companies, inadequate packing service and poor quality of fish produced. Under the co-operative, grounds which has been fished by American fleets were reclaimed for Canadian production. The brief said the Co-operative Act of B.C. is very much in variance with true co-operative principles in allowing certain spurious co-operatives to receive a charter.

To Increase In Importance

VANCOUVER, April 9 (CP) — Major-General F. F. Worthington, in his first press conference since becoming general officer commanding in chief of Pacific command, stressed Pacific command's importance as an operational centre in the struggle against Japan. He said he did not think the command would revert to a training district and expects it to increase in importance from now on.

Weather Forecast

Cloudy and cool with light rain today, cloudy and cool with light rain showers tonight and Tuesday. Winds fresh to strong today decreasing to fresh tonight and Tuesday.

NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT

ATHENS, April 9 (CP) — The Greek government has undergone another shake-up. Admiral Petros Voulgaris has been named regent by Archbishop Damaskinos to form a new government. The Voulgaris government will succeed that of Premier Nicholas Plastiras who has been dismissed by Damaskinos. Early yesterday, Plastiras announced his refusal to resign. But Damaskinos later informed him by letter that he had to dispense with Plastiras's services.

The dismissal of Plastiras climaxes a cabinet crisis which arose when a monarchist paper published a letter which it said Plastiras wrote in 1941 favoring German intervention to halt the Greek-Italian war.

Admiral Voulgaris is chief of the Greek navy.

VIMY RIDGE 28 YEARS AGO TODAY

As Canadian soldiers strike and strike again at the Germans in Holland, members of an earlier Canadian army who pioneered the same task in France a generation ago pause today in memory of an immortal date in Canadian history.

On April 9, 1917, soldiers of the Canadian Corps stormed and captured Vimy Ridge, a bloody horizon which was one of the turning points of the First Great War. Men who were there recall that the attack began on a day similar to today—a day of wet snow, slush and mud. It developed into a day of mutilation and death, but out of its darkness came the first hopeful strokes of the colors of victory.

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hat General Pearkes ly: "If Mr. Abbott was eported, he is obviousrmed. I received from nt General the folessage: "There is no mployment for which recommended in the Army."

y Appoints Minister

A, April 9 (CP) — Ap- of C. D. Orchard, ster as Deputy Minis- new department of s announced Saturday Kenney, Minister of d Forests. Mr. Orficial title will be nister of Forests and ester.