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Tomorrow's Tides

High	10:30 a.m.	16.9 ft.
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Low	4:30 a.m.	7.1 ft.
	16:26 p.m.	7.7 ft.

Nazis Land On Crete

Fifteen Hundred Parachute Troops Are Dropped By Air On Strategic Island Today

Announcement in Regard to "Serious Battle" Made to Parliament by Prime Minister—Were Disguised as New Zealanders

LONDON, May 20: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced today that 1500 German troops wearing New Zealand battle dress had landed by gliders, parachutes and troop carriers in Crete to which island the Greek government fled and made its headquarters after the Nazi conquest. The Prime Minister added, that, according to reports to the government, the military situation was in hand. Savage fighting had taken place and was still in progress, Mr. Churchill said, but he stated that, although a serious battle was developing, there was confidence that the British, New Zealand and Greek forces would offer stern and resolute resistance and that the enemy would be successfully disposed of. It was the first indication that the enemy air infantry had operated in disguise. It was the largest mass parachute attack so far in the war.

Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons that a military hospital between Canea, the capital of Crete, and Malemi had been captured by the parachutists but had been recaptured. The Germans also failed thus far to capture a British airdrome although several attempts had been made. The Prime Minister said that a fairly strong attacking group on the Canea-Malemi road had not yet been mopped up but other parties have been accounted for.

The Germans flew about one hundred miles from Greece in great strength to invade Crete, preceding the invasion with intense aerial bombardment of the Suda Bay naval base. The invasion started suddenly this morning but was not unexpected as it was apparent that preparations were being made for such a move. Night after night the Royal Air Force has been carrying out destructive raids on airdromes in Greece from which the Germans are attacking Crete.

The sudden invasion of Crete is regarded not only as an Axis attempt to gain a stepping stone for passage to the Near East mainland but also as a possible dress rehearsal for airborne invasion of the British Isles.

War News

NAZIS INVADE CRETE

CAIRO—The Germans attempted to seize hold in Crete today by landing parachute troops. Fifteen hundred Nazis were disguised as New Zealand soldiers. In London Prime Minister Winston Churchill said a serious battle was in progress but he expressed confidence that British New Zealand and Greek forces would be able to dispose of the German invaders.

FRENCH FIGHT FRENCH

LONDON—The Vichy government of France may launch an attack against Free French forces in French Equatorial Africa with a view to regaining control of Togoland and the Kameruns and turn them back to Germany to whom they belonged before the First Great War. Free French forces are fully prepared to meet any attack, it is stated.

ICELAND IN DANGER

LONDON—The British Broadcasting Corporation says that Iceland is in danger of Nazi attack. Troops, naval vessels and aircraft being concentrated at Narvik in Norway may be used for the purpose, it is suggested. The Parliament of Iceland last Friday dissolved the union with Denmark which has existed since 1918 when Iceland became a sovereign state after having been a Danish protectorate. The Danish King, as a result, is no longer King of Iceland. The move is made, it is explained, because of communication difficulties and not because Iceland is no longer loyal to King Christian.

QUIET IN ENGLAND

LONDON—Some damage was caused by air raids in southwest and east England but, on the whole it was a quiet night. Some damage was done but casualties were not serious. The Royal Naval College and the Royal College of Surgeons are among buildings recently hit by bombs in London.

BRITISH ADVANCING

CAIRO—British forces have advanced fifteen miles from the direction of Habbaniyah towards Bagdad. The Euphrates was crossed on a bridge which was left intact.

CANNOT BE HELD DOWN

Spirit of Norway in Support of Ideals and Institutions Unquenchable, Declares General Steffens to Gyros

Declaring that the spirit and love of Norway for the institutions of liberty and democracy would remain unquenchable as Norse continued the fight both from within and without against the Nazis and their ruthless and cruel aggression, General William Steffens, commander-in-chief of the Norwegian forces in Canada, speaking before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday with fifty members and guests in attendance reiterated his confidence that victory would eventually crown the arms of Great Britain and its allies and thereby bring about the liberation of the Norwegian homeland. General Steffens gave an interesting personal account of the events leading up to the invasion of Norway and described his own experiences as commander-in-chief of the small army of western Norway which resisted so valiantly against overwhelming odds. The general closed his talk on a note of good humor, recounting some light incidents which showed how Norwegians had kept up their spirits and good nature even in the darkest days of the invasion.

The Gyros made a special occasion of this luncheon which was thrown open to all persons desirous of hearing so distinguished a speaker. President W. F. Stone was in the chair and Dr. Jens Muthe introduced General Steffens. Rev. J. H. Myrwang, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, said the Grace. The gathering closed with the singing of the Norwegian national anthem and "God Save the King." Peter Lien presided at the organ.

The guests of the day included General Steffens; Lieut. Commander Piers R.C.N.V.R., Lieut. Col. J. E. Wood, Flying Officer H. J. Stephenson R.C.A.F., Rev. J. H. Myrwang, Oscar Sather, Theo Collart, L. B. Lambly, J. E. Ormheim, Capt. S. A. Wallace, Lieut. H. P. Grauer, Lawrence Pierce, R. E. Mortimer, T. W. E. Henry, Dr. B. E. Bailey, L. A. Swain, Peter Lien, H. E. Alton, J. R. McWilliams, G. W. Cripps, A. Bruce Brown, James Alexander, L. M. Gordon, Dr. C. H. Hankinson, Dr. Neal Carter, Harry Robbins, Very Rev. James B. Gibson, Alex McRae, A. S. Nickerson, W. L. Coates, B. R. Dodds, R. M. Winslow and S. J. Jabour.

In view of yesterday's luncheon, the Gyro Club will not meet this Wednesday.

IRAN'S FINANCING

Iran has one of the world's most complicated systems of foreign exchange control.

ICELAND IS REPUBLIC

Island Country Dissolves Union With Denmark Which Has Existed Since 1918

STOCKHOLM, May 20: (CP)—Delayed advices reported today that the Parliament of Iceland resolved last Friday to dissolve the union with Denmark which existed since 1918. A temporary chief of state has been appointed to take the place of King Christian. Reports reaching Copenhagen said that Iceland had decided to become a republic.

British troops are at present stationed in Iceland to protect the country against possible German invasion. This action was taken by the British after Denmark surrendered to Germany a year ago. Canadians were at first stationed here but were recently withdrawn.

HIS TRIP CANCELLED

Indisposition Makes It Impossible For Roosevelt To Visit Canada

OTTAWA, May 20:— President Franklin D. Roosevelt has cancelled his visit to Canada owing to indisposition.

Halibut Sales

Summary

American—98,000 pounds, 11.1c and 8c to 11.3c and 8c.

Canadian—7,000 pounds, 11c and 7.5c.

American

Explorer, 35,000, Booth, 11.1c and 8c.

Arrow, 38,000, Storage, 11.2c and 8c.

Sentinel, 25,000, Atlin, 11.3c and 8c.

Canadian

Joe Baker, 7,000, Storage, 11c and 7.5c.

STRIKE IN COAL MINE

One Thousand Employees Of Princess Colliery At Sydney Walk Out

SYDNEY MINES, Nova Scotia, May 20:—One thousand employees of the Princess Mine here are idle, having gone on strike.

GIVE MORE KISSES

MANCHESTER, May 20: (CP) — German censors in Holland, handling letters to Britain, do not cut out such things as crosses for kisses. They add a few more in case it might be code.

Mystery Lifter—

STATEMENT BY BERLIN ON ZAMZAM

Was Sunk By German Sea Raider And All Those On Board Are Safe In Nazi Hands, It Is Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 20: (CP)—The United States today asked the German government for full details about 138 Americans reported at Berlin to have been saved from the Egyptian liner Zamzam. This request was made after a Nazi spokesman at Berlin had said that the Zamzam had been sunk, presumably by a surface raider, and her crew and passengers, including 22 Canadians, were safe in German occupied territory. Until the statement was made at Berlin it was feared that the passengers might have perished, announcement having been made at New York that the Zamzam was a month overdue out of Pernambuco enroute to Capetown and must be considered lost. It was feared that it might be the first major incident involving the loss of Americans since the Athenia. There is no indication as to where the passengers may be held. The expectation is that Germany will release all the Americans as neutrals.

BERLIN, May 20: (CP)—Mystery which had cloaked the fate of twenty or more Canadians as well as over 100 Americans and members of the crew of the Egyptian liner Zamzam, reported sunk by German naval action on a voyage from New York to Alexandria, was lifted today with the announcement by a Nazi spokesman that the vessel had been sunk by a surface raider and those who had been aboard the 8200-ton ship were safe and being well cared for in German-occupied territory. The German announcement said that there had been 322 passengers on board the vessel including 138 Americans and twenty-two Canadians.

It was hardly to be presumed, commented the spokesman, that the Zamzam had been sunk by a submarine which it was unlikely would be able to take hundreds of survivors on board.

The explanation given for the sinking of the Zamzam was because she had goods of value on board for the enemy.

The idea of unrestricted submarine warfare was scouted.

Further inquiries are being made by United States diplomatic representatives here.

The Zamzam had left New York on March 20 for Alexandria. On April 9 she cleared Pernambuco for Capetown.

Canadians aboard the liner included Mrs. Tarrant Guernsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McD. Russel of Vancouver and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Guernsey. She was on her way to Rhodesia to join her husband who is a geologist with a mining company there. Mrs. Guernsey was born in Vancouver.

FIGHTERS FOR TOURISTS

HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 20: (CP)—Influx of U. S. army, navy and air personnel to handle construction of new defence bases in Bermuda is expected to compensate for curtailment of Canadian and U. S. tourist traffic this year.

BERMUDA IMPORTS

OTTAWA, May 20: (CP)—Imports to Bermuda from Canada, the British West Indies and South America showed definite gains in 1940, with heavy declines in those from the United Kingdom and U. S.

Bulletins

PATTULLO COMING

Information has been received at the Daily News office that Premier T. D. Pattullo expects to be in Prince Rupert about the middle of June.

ARMS TO MEXICO

WASHINGTON— Secret shipments of arms and soldiers have been made from Spain to Mexico and Chili, according to reports here.

NEW DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON— President Roosevelt yesterday established the department of civil defence to be headed by Mayor LaGuardia of New York. It will organize air raid protection and other measures throughout the nation.

CLOSER TO GERMANY

VICHY— Marshal Petain is swinging even closer to Germany than under the terms of the agreement made with Adolf Hitler several months after the armistice.

PRINCESS RELEASED

SAN FRANCISCO — Princess Stefanie of Hungary after being in custody for ten weeks, is to be released immediately. If she ever returned to Hungary, she says, she fears she would be executed for her anti-Nazi attitude.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

VICTORIA— The Victoria city council will sound out Vancouver, North Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert on the question of daylight saving and, if they are favorable, the federal government will be asked to institute it as a war measure on the coast.

CANADA AND VICHY

OTTAWA— Premier King said yesterday that the Canadian government is keeping closely in touch with London in regard to the question of relations with the Vichy government. There will be no hasty action in regard to asking for the closing of the legation. The situation as regards the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon is being closely watched.

TELEGRAPH GIRLS

VANCOUVER— Canadian Pacific Telegraphs put three girls to work yesterday as messengers as boys were not obtainable.

JUDGE SWANSON RETIRES

KAMLOOPS — Judge J. D. Swanson, senior County Court judge in British Columbia, announces his retirement next month. He will live in Vancouver.

More Equipment At Pinchi Lake

Two Carloads Of Pipe Is Brought In By Consolidated For Mercury Property

VANDERHOOF, May 20:— The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. has received further material for its mercury mining operations at Pinchi Lake near Fort St. James in the form of two carloads of pipe.

New Westminster Pioneer Is Dead

Henry Hugh Mackenzie Had Been Resident Of Valley Fifty Years

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 20:— Henry Hugh Mackenzie, pioneer of this district for over fifty years, is dead.

Cruiser Is Sunk

LONDON, May 20: (CP) — Sinking of the 6833 ton naval auxiliary cruiser Camito was announced today by the Admiralty.

U.S. PLANES BEING USED

Royal Air Force Making Continued Blows At Enemy In North Africa

CAIRO, May 20: (CP) — The Royal Air Force carried out continued raids on Bengasi harbor in Libya, the Royal Air Force announced.

At the same time it was disclosed that American-made bombing planes have struck the first blow in North Africa, being used to drive back an attempted Axis advance into Egypt from the Libyan border base of Fort Capuzzo. Two Axis thrusts have been driven back with heavy casualties.

British and Axis forces are locked in battle along the Egyptian-Libyan frontiers.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .04.
Bralorne, 9.75.
Cariboo Quartz, 2..20
Dentonio, .00½.
Fairview, .00½.
Gold Belt, .22.
Hedley Mascot, .50.
Minto, .01¼.
Noble Five, .00½.
Pacific Nickel, .04.
Pend Oreille, 1.26.
Pioneer, 1.95.
Premier, .91.
Privateer, .49.
Reeves McDonald, .10.
Reno, .00½.
Relief Arlington, .01.
Sheep Creek, .75.

Oils

A. P. Con., .05.
Calmont, .14.
C. & E., 1.06.
Home, 1.60.
Pacalta, .03.
Royal Canadian, .07.
Okalta, .50 (ask).
Mercury, .03.
Prairie Royalties, .05.

Toronto

Aldermac, .08½.
Beattie, 1.10.
Central Pat., 1.66.
Cons. Smelters, 32.00.
East Malartic, 2.20.
Fernland, .01½.
Francoeur, .38.
Gods Lake, .22.
Hardrock, .72.
Int. Nickel, 30.25.
Kerr Addison, 4.10.
Little Long Lac, 1.75.
McLeod Cockshutt, 1.56.
Madsen Red Lake, .58.
Moneta, .40.
Noranda, 49.50.
Pickle Crow, 2.35.
Preston East Dome, 2.86.
San Antonio, 2.15.
Sherritt Gordon, .69.
Uchi, .08½.
Bouscadillac, .02.
Mosher, .04¾.
Oklend, .04.
Smelters Gold, .01.
Dominion Bridge, 21.25.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.06.

PRISONERS NUMEROUS

No Less Than 35,000 Fascists Surrendered In Ethiopia Yesterday —Aosta Gets Sword Back

CAIRO, May 20: (CP)—It is estimated that a total of 35,000 Italian and native troops surrendered in Ethiopia on Monday.

Following the surrender of Amba Alaji and the Duke of Aosta, Italian military governor, today, there have been further British successes in southwest and northwest Ethiopia, particularly around Gondar.

The Duke offered to turn over his sword to the British in surrendering but it was returned to him.

In Rome Premier Benito Mussolini, admitting the surrender of Amba Alaji, predicted that Fascist forces would some time regain East Africa. He said that some Italian units in the country would stand out for a long time yet.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light to moderate occasionally fresh southwest winds, cloudy and mild with scattered showers.

French Attack British—

AIR WAR IN SYRIA HITS INTO STRIDE

Free French Also in Fight With American Planes—Enemy Suffers Losses—British Consulates Closed

CAIRO, May 20.—The Free French using latest American planes to bomb air bases in Syria with the Royal Air Force, have destroyed a number of German planes.

At Beirut in Lebanon the Vichy authorities have ordered the British consulates in Syria and Lebanon closed and the personnel removed before the end of the week as reprisal for Royal Air Force bombing of Syrian airdromes.

French planes have been sent aloft to defend airdromes in Syria. A French pursuit plane was reported today to have shot down the first British bomber over Syria.

Last night British bombers destroyed a large German transport plane at Palmyra airdrome, also wrecking a Henkel 111. At Damascus and another Syrian airdrome German planes were also attacked by bombing.

These Syrian airdromes are being used by the German planes as stopping places on the way to Iraq.

The Vichy government's air minister, General Jean-Marie Bergeret, arrived in Beirut last night to organize anti-aircraft defences in Syria against British aircraft which attacked the German planes, using Syrian bases.

Exodus of British, American and Palestinians from Syria has begun.

QUEEN'S AIR RAID FUND

"I have seen her. I saw her in Edmonton. I am going to get the picture framed." That is what one man said as he called to get a free picture of the Queen at the Daily News office. Only a few pictures are left. A number of those taken will be framed.

Those who have received the pictures might remember that the Queen is head of the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid Victims. Donations may be left with the Daily News.

Previously acknowledged	$10.00
Anonymous	2.00

WHEN WINTER COMES

LONDON, May 20: (CP)—Looking ahead to another wartime winter, the people of Britain are being urged to conserve in every way all coal and other fuel during the summer.