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# ENEMY BOMBERS FAIL IN RAIDS

## British Forces Dig In Doggedly To Hold Africa

Situation Far From Alarming Although Plans Need Revision Following French Collapse.

## BRITISH WILL NOT OPPOSE BULGARIA

LONDON, July 25.—(CP Cable)—Bulgaria's claim for the Rumanian province of Dobruja will not draw opposition from Britain, which has always recognized the country had certain just claims from her neighbor, a reliable source said tonight. It was pointed out that until German domination was threatened for Europe, Britain always has felt that a solution of certain problems must be postponed until circumstances permitted discussion. The Rumanian-Bulgarian frontier was one of these problems, and the source quoted recalled that the British press has never opposed Bulgaria's claim. Rumania's swing to the Axis now has changed the situation. It was never possible for Britain to approve Bulgaria's claim because of Britain's guarantee to Rumania against aggressive attack on her frontiers. This source assumed that Turkey would not oppose Bulgaria because her appeasement would mean that Rumania would be blocked from the Black Sea now that Russia has been paralyzed. With Bulgaria increasingly friendly to Russia, the result would be to stop German penetration southward and hold up Germany's ancient dream of a drive down the Danube and across Turkey.

## C. C. F. Youths Ask Repeal Of Mobilization Bill

REGINA, July 25.—(CP)—While their parent body strongly approved the Dominion's war effort, the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement, meeting simultaneously with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation provincial convention today asked repeal of the Mobilization Bill and that military action be confined to British America. They asked for immediate socialization of finance, industry, and resources and a 100 per cent excess profits tax to be immediately imposed. James B. Wedge, Saskatoon was elected president and Bill Cramgrass, Saskatoon, vice president.

## Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column: 3 cents per word.
- \*Win the War Dance, Lorne Valley Hall, July 27th, weavers' union. L-2-1-20-21.
- \*Play and Dance, Cardigan July 31st. L-2-1-23-24.
- \*St. John's Church Picnic, Crapaud, Saturday, August 10th. L-2-7-26-21.
- \*Still going strong on used cars. See us today and save. T. G. Ives. L-22-7-26-21.
- \*Special for Friday and Saturday '39 Ford coach, looks like new, \$895. '37 Studebaker Sedan new, \$650. Willys '38 1-2-ton pickup, \$650. '37 Plymouth Sedan, \$395. G. Ives. L-22-7-26-21.
- \*Boys, we have some cheap cars. Just what you need to go to work at the airport. \$50. G. Ives. L-22-7-26-21.
- \*Wanted to buy quantity of fat sheep at top prices. Write or phone us. Island Cold Storage Co. L-533-7-16-11.
- \*Home made Ice Cream and Pantry Sale, on lawn of Mr. William Rye, Cape Traverse, Friday, July 28th. Auxiliaries of Women's Institute. L-786-7-26-11.
- \*Reserve Tuesday, July 30th for Dance in Borden Dance Hall. For names of Ladies Orange League, Boy Scout Orchestra. Proceeds for War Fund. Admission 20 cents. L-785-7-26-21.

(By Drew Middleton, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, July 25.—(AP)—A comparatively small force of British and native troops is digging in doggedly to hold Africa and the Near East against 300,000 Italian troops menaced in turn by the Royal Navy's blockade of their seaborne supplies. France's surrender changed Britain's sweeping plans for swift expulsion of the Italians from the Mediterranean and the British outnumbered forces on the defensive. But British military authorities are not alarmed. The success of the navy in the Mediterranean and the force in Africa guarantee successful resistance to any Italian offensive, said one officer. "Command of the air is vital. In the desert, an advancing column is lost if the enemy controls the skies. We have the control." Nevertheless, now that the French Mediterranean fleet has stopped fighting, Britain has had to give up the plan to hit Germany through her weakest front—Italy. It is believed that the Allied high command, prior to the French surrender, considered feasible simultaneous attacks by French and British troops on Libya, northern African Italian colony, and then, invasion of Italy. There is different possibility now, however. Military men say: "It looks impossible, but they may try it," when explaining the difficulty of Italian drives from Libya and Ethiopia toward Khartoum, in the heart of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The Royal Air Force, ranging over the desert, has borne the heaviest share of the defence of Egypt and the Sudan. R.A.F. sources say the outmoded Gloucester Gladiator fighters "still are better than the best the Italians have in Africa." The British land forces—White,

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## French Ship Sunk By Nazi Torpedo Boat

Germans Flout All Maritime Neutrality Rules In Cowardly Attack.

(By Harold Fair, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, July 25.—(CP Cable)—A Nazi torpedo boat, flouting all the maritime neutrality rules, sank the 6,127-ton French merchantman Meknes in the English Channel as the brightly-lighted ship carried 1,200 soldiers and sailors being repatriated to France. The Admiralty announced that British naval forces rescued nearly 1,000 men and there was reason to believe other survivors of last night's torpedo attack have reached the French coast. The ship carried a crew of 103 and it was estimated unofficially that the loss of life may be around 300. The sinking was disclosed by V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons, and he replied "certainly" when asked if the war cabinet could take every step to see that the French people were fully informed of the tragedy. "This was Germany's second 'blooper' sinking of the month. After a U-boat sent torpedoes in the corner of the scene the July 3, it was learned the ship was carrying 1,500 Germans and Italians to Canada for internment. But for the early arrival of a Canadian warship on the scene the loss of life probably would have been far greater than 1,000. Survivors from the Meknes who landed in Britain today said the ship had been threatened from stem to stern and flew the French flag but that did not stop the Nazis who peppered her with machine-gun bullets even after she gave a white-light signal to show she had stopped.

## International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON — Twenty German planes shot down with five British lost. Nazi torpedo sinks French ship Meknes with more than 300 French sailors lost; announcement made 2,823 British troops and refugees missing from mid-June Nazi bombing of troopship Lancastria off St. Nazaire, France.

BERLIN—Funk, Economics Minister, warns, United States that a victorious Germany would demand trade on her own terms; Nazis encourage Breton autonomists to break from France.

WASHINGTON — Morgenthau says Britain will pour "colossal" sums into United States plane industry; pan-American cooperation is answer to Germany's trade threats; government establishes virtual embargo on oil destined to axis powers; new assistant of war appointed.

HAVANA — Argentine objects to pan-American rushship over European possessions.

CAIRO — R.A.F. inflicts extensive damage on Italian planes.

OTTAWA — Bill provides mandatory death sentence for treachery.

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## ARGENTINA OPPOSED TO TRUSTEE SHIPS

Status of European American Possessions Should be Determined by Countries Involved.

HAVANA, July 25.—(AP)—Leopoldo Melo, senior Argentine delegate, declared tonight his country is opposed to Pan-American trusteeships or mandates over European possessions in the western hemisphere.

The future status of those possessions should be determined by the people involved and without outside pressure, he told a press conference. Thus Argentina, question mark of Pan-American solidarity, fulfilled the predictions of most conference observers that she is opposed to the "collective trusteeship" idea advanced by the United States, Brazil and other American republics. Argentina is willing to debate the question at the conference, he said, but is not prepared to sacrifice her "fundamental juridical principles."

Delegates from European possessions should be heard at the conference he said. Proposals before the conference on Pan-American security were aimed at forestalling the transfer of French or Netherlands possessions to any other non-American power. Earlier some delegates expressed the belief that Argentina's viewpoint could be reconciled. But Melo said he own proposal would block the conference from discussing any measures regarding those possessions which were based on "hypothesis." American nations have no right to delegate such powers to themselves, he said. Argentina's views were submitted tonight to the second emergency conference of American ministers including State Secretary Cordell Hull of the United States.

## GERMANS DENY SINKING

BERLIN, July 25.—(CP)—D.N.B. German News Agency, tonight issued a claim that "authorized sources" denied Germany was responsible for the sinking of the French transport Meknes with 1,300 French aboard to be taken home for repatriation.

## Britain To Spend "Colossal" Sums For U. S. Planes

Production To Be Stepped Up To 3,000 Planes Per Month. May Reach Mark Early In 1941.

## Unexpected Death Of Mr. M. G. McNeeley

Prominent Business Man Passed Away In Hospital After a Short Illness.

Mr. M. G. McNeeley, Fitzroy Street, general manager of the Associated Shippers, died suddenly in the Charlottetown hospital, yesterday, after a illness of one day. The late Murray Gordon McNeeley was born in Markham, Ontario, April 18, 1889, where he spent his early childhood. He received his early education at Markham High School and at the early age of 16 joined the shipping business. He was auditor for the same firm which was then known as Canada Packers Limited. He became traveling auditor for the company, and in 1924 came to Charlottetown as manager of Canada Packers. In 1932 Mr. McNeeley organized the Associated Shippers, Inc., of which he became general manager. He has held that position ever since. Mr. McNeeley was a large shareholder in the company. Besides his wife, formerly Miss Annie Ford, there survive three children, Kathleen, 14, Lorraine, 11, and William, 9. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. William McNeeley, Markham, Ont., who is spending the summer at his home. His father predeceased him by four months. The late Mr. McNeeley was widely known throughout this province, and was held in the highest esteem. His long experience, coupled with native ability and dynamic energy, made him an outstanding figure in the potato shipping business, in which his firm specialized. His sudden passing in the prime of life comes as a shock to the community, from whom the deepest sympathy to his bereaved family will be extended at this time.

## Nazi Rules On Gold Belie Words To U. S.

(Canadian Press) — What Germany's Minister of Economics told the foreign press yesterday about the "uselessness" of gold in the United States does not apply inside Germany, and even the death penalty await the Reich citizen who disregards the high valuation his Government sets on the yellow metal. Among the earliest decrees of the Nazi Government were drastic measures designed to bring gold into the Government's coffers and to prevent anyone from smuggling it out of the country. For a while the citizen was safe if he turned into the Reichbank any sizeable amount of gold in his possession. He could keep a few old coins if their aggregate value did not exceed 200 marks (\$80). In 1938, however, a new decree set the limit at only two marks (83 cents). Later decrees clamped down on the use of gold by jewelers, dentists and fountain-pen manufacturers. The weight of wedding rings was strictly regulated. One decree banned the use of gold, even low-carat gold, in the manufacture of spectacles. Another prohibited gold pen-points in fountain pens, except those manufactured for export.

## U. S. Heat Wave Seen Near End

CHICAGO, July 25.—(AP)—The season's record heat marathon approached an end tonight. A cool air mass from the northwest moved eastward slowly across the middlewest. Residents of Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota and the northern parts of Iowa and Nebraska were the first to experience relief.

## Tommy's Sing As Liner Slips To Watery Grave

Magnificent Courage Of B. E. F. Members Revealed — 2,823 Missing From Ship.

By DOUGLAS AMARON Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON, July 25.—(CP)—The supreme courage of members of the British expeditionary force and their contempt for the enemy was disclosed today when the full story of the bombing of the 16,243-ton Cunard White Star liner Lancastria became known here. In the face of death, with the ship sinking under its own weight, the British troops from France, said "I'll always be an Englishman," and "the Beer Barrel Polka," and jeered the Nazi bombers overhead. The veteran courier liner was attacked by planes off St. Nazaire on June 17, during the removal of British troops from France. After half an hour of ineffectual bombing, a salvo hit the ship which took a heavy list, then capsized and sank. The list hampered the launching of lifeboats and women and children evacuees, and Tommies jumped into the water, where they were machine-gunned by the enemy planes.

## BLOSSOM OF CANADA

The all-purpose FLOUR

## ITALIANS LOSE MANY PLANES IN AFRICA

CAIRO, July 25.—(CP)—Heavy destruction of Italian airplanes was reported today by the Royal Air Force command in Cairo, simultaneously with announcement in London that troops from Nigeria and the Gold Coast, on the west coast of Africa, have been moved to East Africa.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States treasury, said today that Great Britain has decided to pour "colossal" sums into the American airplane industry, building factories which will expand the industry's capacity "far beyond" 50,000 planes a year. On his part the United States has pledged "every facility," Morgenthau said, to enable Britain to buy 3,000 planes a month in the United States in addition to large orders already placed. Officials declined to estimate how soon such a production level might be reached, merely confining themselves to saying the British authorities hope it will be attained early in 1941. A spokesman for the aviation industry privately expressed confidence that the industry could produce 3,000 planes a month, if Britain furnishes the money and assures the necessary supply of machine tools.

## Opposition To Conscription In U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—Vigorous opposition to peace-time conscription broke out in the United States Senate today as military committees of the Senate and House of Representatives sought to speed action on a broad compulsory training program. Nothing is left except to pull the trigger, said Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, in the Senate, while Senator Burton Wheeler, Montana Democrat, said the draft proposal was part of "systemic" tending to lead the United States "down the road to war." The nearest thing to support for the bill during Senate debate came from Senator Robert Reynolds, North Carolina Democrat, a member of the military committee, who said he favored "some kind of conscription." He declared it would "assure" for Congress to "vote \$18,000,000,000 for national defence unless we have sufficient manpower to man this equipment." Wheeler said conscription of manpower and wealth had been the tactics of all the European dictators, and then questioned the "conscription" cited by advocates of the training bill. During the day, members of the Senate military committee approved additional sections of the Burke-Wadsworth bill giving the President authority to order the registration of an estimated 22,000,000 men 18 to 64 years old, inclusive. In an effort to retain jobs for all men drafted for the one year of training, the committee voted to de-

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Cargo Vessels Dodge Dive Bombers As Spitfires Scatter Nazi Formations.

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## THIRD BIGGEST BAG

It was the third biggest bag for a single day since Hitler opened his air warfare against Britain. It brought the German known losses over and around Britain since June 18—when daily attacks started—to 203, an average of nearly six a day. The Air Ministry dramatically told of one patrol of six Spitfires which attacked an enormous German force numbering 167 planes—30 Junkers 87-type dive bombers and 50 Messerschmitt fighters. "The British fighters attacked," the Ministry said. "One Spitfire went for the bombers and thinks he got one of them. The other five Spitfires climbed to attack the enemy fighters. In the dogfight one of the German pilots was seen to bale out and a Spitfire pilot claims he seriously damaged another enemy fighter. "One Spitfire is missing."

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TORONTO, July 25.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	57	71
Vancouver	57	72
Edmonton	49	67
Regina	52	72
Winnipeg	54	78
Toronto	69	83
Ottawa	64	87
Quebec	63	80
Saint John	53	64
Halifax	61	78
Charlottetown	64	81

## FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy and moderately warm with scattered showers and some fog. High tide this afternoon at 3:10 and tomorrow morning at 3:14. Sun sets this evening at 7:34 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:39. Last quarter moon July 27, 7:29 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

## THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 1:00 P. M., 4:45 P. M. Leaves Tormentine 8:15 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 3:15 P. M., 6:20 P. M. (A. S. T.)

SUNDAY SERVICE  
June 16th to September 8th inclusive—  
Leaves Borden 9 A. M., 7 P. M. Leaves Tormentine, 10:15 A. M., 8:10 P. M. (A. S. T.)