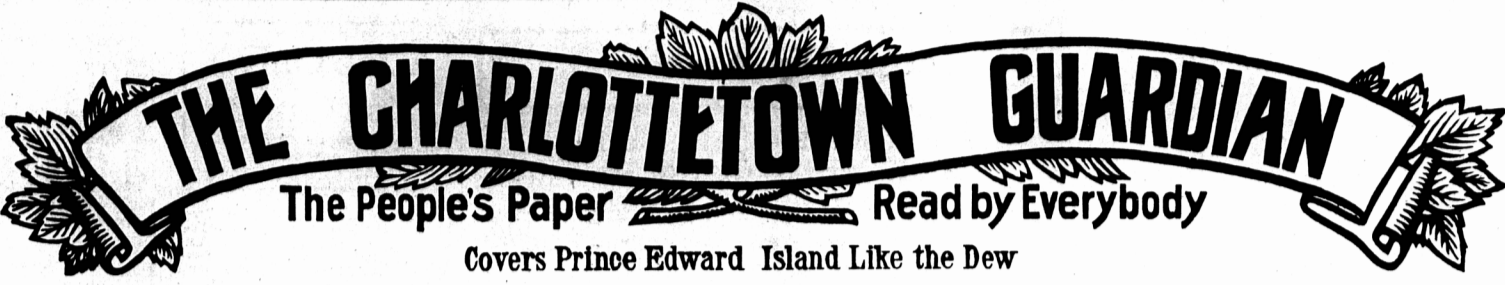


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FRENCH FORCES MAKE GAINS IN NORTH AFRICA



War Situation Last Night

By CARL C. CRAMER
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The allied air offensive from Britain may not only pave the way for allied invasion of the continent, as is commonly said, it may also make the invasion necessary.

One of the reasons for the German invasion of the Netherlands and Belgium and the thrust to the French coast in 1940 was to seize the air bases from which to bomb Britain effectively.

Now that the war is going the other way it becomes more urgent each day that the allies establish bases on the continent from which to bomb Germany with greater effect.

Germany is reported to have made considerable effort to transfer sizable blocks of vital war industry to eastern regions, including Poland and Czechoslovakia, a process that has been hastened by bombing industries out of their old plants and burning the workers out of their old homes.

On the last big raid, the night of April 16 on the Skoda armament works at Pilsen in Czechoslovakia and other targets in southern Germany, the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. lost a record of 55 planes in the 1,400-mile round trip.

The question of whether Germany can be bombed out of the war from British bases becomes more debatable than ever.

This is an angle of the war which concerns neutral Sweden and which brings up the Sunday broadcast of Eduard Benes, president of Czechoslovakia, who told his countrymen that in a few weeks "a vast assault in Italy will begin. You must expect an assault on the continent, in the whole Mediterranean area, in the north and in the west. You must expect a vast new Russian assault and a new and even fiercer bombing of Germany and new and surprising political events."

Whether or not the allied strategic concept is a huge pincer from northern and southern Europe, the fact remains that the same bomber which flies 450 miles from London to Berlin can reach nearly all of Poland and Czechoslovakia and all but the southern part of Germany from southern Sweden.

The same range from Rome covers the rest of Germany's vital industrial areas and overlaps.

Some such thought must enter Hitler's mind as he ponders the unusually brusque note from the government of Sweden threatening suitable measures in like cases in the future as the result of the firing on the Swedish submarine Draken by a German ship. There are unofficial hints that German mines may have had something to do with the sinking of the Swedish submarine Ulfven in its own waters.

The "soft underbelly" is an apt phrase applied to the southern side of the fortress of Europe only when its lack of bristling fortifications is compared with the fortifications of such places as Dieppe on the French coast, scene of last August's Canadian-led raid. That lack is being remedied speedily, it is reported.

Invasion of Italy apparently leads to a dead end street at Brenner Pass, but Italy might be a useful bombing base and a springboard for operations against the Balkans.

Appearance of victorious allied troops in Mussolini's capital would be almost certain to set in train the series of "surprising political events" in the Balkans which Benes predicts.

Fierce Tank Battle Rages In One Sector

Heavy Fighting Continues As Germans Resist Fiercely While Losing Ground.

By WES GALLAGHER
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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 25—(AP)—French troops have seized Djebel Mansour, strategic hill position 10 miles southwest of Point Du Fahs, the French announced today, while allied armor and infantry kept hammering at German positions all along the mountainous, 140-mile Tunisian front.

Djebel Mansour, scene of bloody fighting earlier in the Tunisian campaign was evacuated by the Germans under "heavy pressure" from French troops intensified in the last 24 hours, a French communiqué said. One spokesman said it might be the first indications that the Germans were starting evacuation of their southern positions. The hill is the key to high defences the Germans held on the northern end of the Goats' Box which formed a salient into allied territory.

North of this French advance, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander has thrown British armor into a savage battle with two German tank divisions southeast of Goubellat, a headquarters spokesman said.

The BBC in a broadcast recorded in New York by CBS, said that the 8th Army on the Nazi southern front has forced a new advance, driving along the coastal plain "for about 12 miles from Enfidaville, and now is within striking distance of Bou Ficha."

(The German-controlled Paris radio said Allied tank assaults by the 1st Army on a "gigantic scale" had driven wedges into the Axis lines. Lt. Gen. Kenneth Anderson, 1st Army commander, is "throwing masses of tanks into the fighting," this broadcast said.)

The French reported they are advancing further eastward from Djebel Mansour in conjunction with 8th Army troops, in the mountains, dominating the point south of Enfidaville, captured 10 Italians, the communiqué said.

While all the important spearheads in the Allied semicircle made gains toward Tunis and Bizerte, German armor divisions in the 1st Army advanced in two columns to eight miles east of Goubellat and to Djebel Fouane, 10 miles southeast of Enfidaville.

At the Square brief addresses will be given by the Lieutenant Governor, Premier Thane A. Campbell, Mayor Roy Holman, and Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan.

Taking part in the parade will be servicemen, cadets and members of the Red Cross Corps.

Prior to the public ceremony at the Square Premier Campbell will take part in a victory loan program at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club. Representatives of other clubs and fraternal organizations will also attend.

But the canvassers, whose job is to sell people of this Province bonds totalling at least \$2,500,000 will be on the job early in the day. Not only in Charlottetown but in every district of the Province the big drive swings into action with no let up until the minimum objective is passed.

New Blows To Germany's Transport Lines

LONDON, April 25—(CP)—British and Canadian pilots roamed Nazi-occupied Europe today, carrying new punishment to Germany's transportation system with bombing and strafing attacks on rail and canal facilities.

Heaviest damage was done in a Belgian canal near Bruges where at least nine barges were hit. West of Ghent a locomotive was destroyed and another damaged. The Allies lost two planes.

Among the pilots scoring hits on railway traffic was P.O. George McClure of London, Ont., who reported having hit a train.

The Germans in their turn gave London a brief alert just before dawn but dropped no bombs. Anti-aircraft fire downed one enemy plane and apparently damaged another.

No bombs have been dropped on the city since last Tuesday when a few landed in the outskirts.

Norboro Boy Injured At Kensington

Aubrey Bowness, 15, of Norboro is in the Prince County Hospital at Summerside with serious injuries following a highway accident at Kensington.

The boy was riding a bicycle when he was in collision with a car driven by Albin Palmer of O. Leary. The boy was thrown some distance and fell heavily on the pavement.

His injuries were said to include concussion and a fractured hand. Last night several hours after the accident he was still unconscious.

He is a son of Mr. Harry Bowness of Norboro. The accident occurred near a sharp turn in the highway in the town of Kensington—S.

Greatest Financial Task Canada Has Ever Faced

OTTAWA, April 25—(CP)—Their organization posed for the greatest financial undertaking Canada has ever faced. Victory Loan workers throughout Canada start their drive toward a \$1,100,000,000 objective Monday.

The Minister Isley in statements and addresses preparatory to the three-week campaign has laid emphasis on the contribution necessary from private individuals to make the loan a success.

For the first time the total minimum objective has been divided to provide a separate objective for individual subscribers. The "appeal names list" generally purchasers of \$25,000 or more in bonds, are expected to buy \$600,000,000 of the issue.

The National War Finance Committee in charge of the loan campaign is locking to private individuals for the remaining \$500,000,000, a target which Mr. Isley says is essential to the success of the loan.

In the third Victory Loan 2,000,000 individual subscribers made purchases which totalled \$375,000,000. In the fourth loan it will be necessary for half these subscribers to double their purchases and for workers to find another 1,000,000 subscribers, Mr. Isley says.

Nazis Back Tokyo Action

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—The Berlin radio tonight quoted official German sources as saying that they backed Japan's execution of American airmen who raided Tokyo.

However, the broadcast recorded by the Associated Press did not indicate that Germany is planning to take similar steps.

10 More Axis Ships Sunk

LONDON, April 25—(CP)—The Admiralty announced Saturday that 10 more Axis ships had been destroyed or damaged by British submarines operating against enemy supply lines in the Mediterranean.

Among the damaged ships, the Admiralty said, were a cruiser and a tanker. Counter measures by the convoy prevented direct observation of the results of the torpedo hits on these two vessels, the communiqué said, but breaking-up noises were heard from both.

Four other ships listed as damaged were also believed to have sunk later, the Admiralty declared.

Catholic Church At St. Georges Burned

Destructive Blaze Broke Out Yesterday Morning; Building Was 80 Years Old.

The Roman Catholic Church at St. Georges in King's County was completely destroyed by fire early yesterday morning.

The blaze was discovered about 7 a.m. by the church janitor, it was learned. At that time fire had already gained considerable headway on the roof. A stiff breeze fanned the flames and although parishioners gathered quickly it was soon seen that the church was doomed.

Efforts were successful in preventing the fire spreading to other buildings, however, including the parochial house.

The church was burned to the ground in a comparatively short time.

Amount of the loss was not learned.

The building was the first Roman Catholic church at St. Georges. An earlier church in the parish was at Launcheon, not far away. The burned building had been built about 80 years ago while the late Rev. Francis MacDonald was parish priest. Rev. Bennett MacDonald is the present priest.

Father MacDonald said last night that, while it was not known for certain, it was thought that a spark on the wooden roof started the destructive blaze.

While it was not learned officially it was expected that the church would be re-built very shortly.

Meatless Tuesdays Expected Soon

OTTAWA, April 25—(CP)—Meatless Tuesday's in restaurants and boarding houses are expected to be announced within a few days by the Prices Board.

It was understood in official circles today that Tuesday has been selected as the day on which those patronizing public eating places will have to get along without meat and it is expected a formal Board order will be issued in time to have the first meatless Tuesday on May 4.

Coming Events

- Booking orders for oats at York. Earl Cook. 4-26-28-21.
- Buy Parina Milk Chow, Lay Chow, Pig Growers at Bowmans Store. 4-22-31.
- Play and Entertainment Vern-on River Hall, Easter Monday. 4-24-26.
- Freetown Tuesday Free Sound movies. National. 4-26-21.
- Box social and dance St. James Hall, Summerside, Easter Monday night. 4-24-21.
- Corran Bann players present their 3-act play in Tracadie Hall Friday, April 30. Dance after play. 4-24-26-28-31.
- The Annual Meeting of the Hartsville Hall Wednesday, April 28th at 8 o'clock. Angus MacDonald, Secretary. 4-26-21.
- Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser, Murray Harbour, Wednesday, April 28th, Murray River, Thursday 29th. John J. Beck. 4-28-11.

Explosion Scare In N.Y.

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—Residents near the waterfronts in Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey areas breathed easier today with a navy announcement that an explosive-laden vessel is resting on the bottom of New York harbor's upper bay off Bayonne, N. J.

Radio listeners in the area were startled Saturday night by an announcement, requested by the New York Police Department, warning them to keep their windows open because of the threat of an explosion. A short time later, however, Rear Admiral Stanley V. Parker, United States Coast Guard, captain of the port of New York, announced that the danger was past.

He said the vessel, which had caught fire from unexplained causes early in the evening, had been removed from further up the bay to anchorage and that New York municipal fire boats, coast guard fire boats, commercial and government tugs and small craft succeeded in flooding the ship and sending it to the bottom. For a time petroleum products bubbled, burning to the surface, but the navy said today, all danger was apparently past shortly after 9:30 p.m.

Amend National Selective Service Regulations

OTTAWA, April 25—(CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell announced tonight that two recent orders-in-council amending National Selective Service regulations empower him to order employers in specified industries to discontinue employing persons in age classes designated for military training after a specified date, unless a special permit to do so is obtained.

For the present, he said, persons who have their discharge from the armed forces will not be compulsorily directed to alternative employment. If, however, they are engaged in low priority industry, they will be encouraged to obtain employment in high priority industry.

The amendments to the regulations provide the procedure for less essential to more essential employment, including farm labor, of men in age groups designated under mobilization regulations—those from 19 to 45 years of age, inclusive.

(Married men between 19 and 25 years of age, inclusive, including those who are childless widowers, divorced or judicially separated, now are being called up also.)

17,500 Strikers Return To Work

WINDSOR, Ont., April 25—(CP)—Employees of the Ford Motor Company of Canada voted today to return to work at midnight ending a shutdown of the plant which had shut down five industries in the Windsor District with loss of employment to about 17,500 men.

The shutdown was caused by a labor dispute, the company chairman rang out the Easter message through city streets and across the sun-gilded meadows today.

Not since the fall of France, except to celebrate the 8th Army's victory last November and at last Christmas, had the bells of cathedrals, churches and chapels in the thousands of parishes been authorized to perform their venerable function. In the perilous days of 1940 and 1941 their ringing had been reserved to warn of invasion.

MEDIAEVAL BUNNY
The rabbit now found in all parts of England, was introduced from the continent.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

Tunisia—French troops seize strategic hill position 10 miles from Point Du Fahs while British 1st army advances in two columns to within eight miles of Goubellat in battle which destroys 14 German tanks.

Russia—Russians seize rocky mountains rimming Black Sea port of Novorossisk where Germans been trying to launch offensive.

Western Front—British and Canadian planes roam northern Europe, bombing and strafing Germany's transportation system and hitting nine barges in canal near Bruges, Belgium.

Burma—American bombers dump 10 tons of explosive on Nam-tun where Japanese are smelting lead and tin for their war machine.

Sweden—Swedish Government declares its navy will take measures against any German ships laying mines in Swedish territorial waters and take steps against any repetition of such incidents as the firing on a Swedish submarine by a German merchantman.

Southwest Pacific—American bombers strike at weak airbase, leaving fires, and visit Saider area.

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From Burden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m.