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YANK ARMY STORMS ACROSS RHINE

Floods Hit Cincinnati



Many streets in Cincinnati are already under rapidly to a possible crest of 63 feet. Heavy rains two to three feet of water as the Ohio River rises and melting snows have swelled the river.

POONA, India — (CP) — The first course of training drivers and mechanics to operate tractors will be given near Telegon, 20 miles from Poona. Recently imported 1 and 50 horsepower tractors will be used to reclaim 60,000 acres of land by deep plowing.

Coming Events

- Skate at Milton Rink tonight, 8:30 to 10:30. 3-9-11
- Leading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. 1-28-12
- Runter River Friday March 10. National Film Board Movies 1 and 3:30 P. M. 3-9-21
- Poultry Sale, Rogers Hardware, March 9th, Meadow Bank W. 1. 3-9-21
- Meeting regarding Seeds in Meadow Bank School, Friday evening, March 9th. 3-9-21
- Bean Supper Crapaud Orange Ball, Saturday, March 10th, August L. O. B. A. 3-9-21
- Corwall, York Point Institute Poultry Sale at Rogers Hardware, Tuesday, March 13th. 3-9-21
- Reserve Easter Saturday afternoon for C.W.L. cake sale in Rogers Hardware Store. 3-9-11
- Leading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Keith McKinnon, Montague, Norman McKinnon, Cardigan. 1-12-Fri-Sat-11.
- Leading hogs at Fredericton, Friday, March 9th until 11:30. Also at Caville until noon. D. Leslie MacDowell. 3-9-21
- Leading hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Monday until further notice, Souris. George Daywell. 1-26-29-11.
- Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at Murray Harbor Monday p.m. March 12th. D. Ray Brooks, agent. 3-9-21
- Come to Darlington Women's Institute dance at Williams Hall, Monday, March 12. Proceeds to help Red Cross. 3-9-12-21
- Now unloading mixed car Purina feeds, Eggen Lay Mash, Chick Pig Feeds, Harley Meal ground and whole wheat. G. C. 3-8-21. Emerald.
- Leading hogs at Hunter River on Monday afternoon and Tuesday until train time, March 12 and 13. Lemuel Crawford, Gordon Matheson. 3-9-21
- Leading hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Murray Harbor, Monday, March 12th. Podhis Tuesday, 12th, Murray Harbour Wednesday 14th, Melville Thursday 15th. John J. Beck. 3-9-11
- Unloading car bagged 3 C. W. Oats and choice barley meal our stock pens, Charlottetown, Friday, and Saturday, March 9th and 10th. Livestock Feed Agency. 3-9-11
- Buying pigs at Fredericton Saturday, paying \$15 a pair for good pigs over thirty pounds each, plus \$2 a pair for delivery of pigs on that date. \$1 extra for pigs without lice or black teeth. Knud Jorgensen. 3-9-21
- Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at the following loading points during week of March 9th: Monday — Souris, St. Peter's, Miramichi, Cardigan, Charlottetown, Melville, Digby, Charlottetown. Tuesday forenoon until train time — St. Theresa, Charlottetown, Wilshire, Hunter River, Breadalbane, Albany, Summerside until 1:30 and Kings until 3 p.m. Clubs west of Summerside regular shipping points and hours Monday 12th. 3-9-21

Ch'town Red Cross Campaign Workers Break All Records

City Total Is Now Over Forty-Two Thousand Dollars—Final Enthusiastic Supper Meeting Of City Collectors.

King To Spend Week-End At Washington

Makes Series Of Announcements Before Leaving For U.S.

(By The Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, March 8—Prime Minister Mackenzie King departed for Washington today after an announcement-packed press conference and a few salutes at John Bracken, Progressive Conservative national leader, who attacked the Government in a radio speech last night.

Mr. King will spend Friday night and part of Saturday at the White House on the invitation of President Roosevelt. They will discuss the recent "Big Three" conference at Yalta and the forthcoming United Nations world security conference which opens at San Francisco April 25.

Mr. King also announced that he hopes to get some more intimate knowledge of what took place at Yalta and also to get a better idea of the probable length and subject matter of the San Francisco conference," said Mr. King.

Mr. King also announced that he will be asked to join the Canadian delegation to San Francisco.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

Simultaneous collapse of crucial German inner defence fronts on the Lower Rhine and Middle Oder Rivers enabling Allied and Russian armies to surge immediately into the heart of crumbling Germany seems in close prospect.

With startling suddenness both water hazards have been initially hurled by American 1st Army elements in the west and Marshal Zhukov's powerful White Russian striking force in the east. Short of wholly improbable enemy mass counter-attacks, in sufficient strength of throw them back at once before they can consolidate their trans-river bridgeheads, the end of organized resistance in Germany within months can be foreseen. The evidence that the vaunted German war machine is fast coming apart at its seams is too strong to doubt.

However the 1st Army crossing was accomplished, an all important factor is the nature of the east-bank terrain at the indicated site. Between Bonn, where the Rhine leaves the river gorges and, Cologne the river meanders through a flat floored valley. There is good terrain and elbow room for a bridgehead more than a dozen miles long and six to eight miles wide east of the stream. Along the eastern edge of the plain run parallel rail and highway connections linking the lower and middle Rhine sectors and just beyond them a vital stretch of the east Rhine supply railway.

Only enemy broadcast reports were available to blueprint a hardly less ominous Russian advance beyond the Oder east of Berlin. Moscow continued to ignore that most critical sector of the Eastern Front for the foe but passed for publication press accounts tending to confirm Berlin assertions that Zhukov's climactic attack had been launched on the Middle Oder and penetrated a dozen miles beyond the river across the west Oder plain to Seelow on the Berlin-Kostritz highway. If that is the fact, Russian advance guards are less than 25 miles from the eastern city limits of Berlin to match the American drive across the Rhine.

The final Russian-Allied pincer squeeze has started.

Reds Within 25 Miles Of Berlin

BY ROMNEY WHEELER
LONDON, March 8 (AP) — Russian troops fought their way within 25 miles of greater Berlin today in an all-out frontal assault which has broken through the city's defenses in a 10-mile advance in two places in the broken Oder River defense line.

The Soviet High Command communique ignored this vital sector but announced that other Soviet forces had rolled within seven miles of the Pomeranian Capital of Stettin, 131 miles from Berlin, and within 12 miles of the former free city of Danzig far to the northeast. Berlin announced that Russian troops in a new offensive also had crossed the Nogat River boundary from East Prussia, reaching Neuchamp, Poland, 90 miles from Danzig, in a seven-mile advance inside Danzig territory north of fallen Marienburg.

The desperate job of holding Berlin, threatened by possibly Russian sweeps around both flanks, was assigned to the 9th Corps, led by Lt.-Gen. B.G. Horrocks, with some Canadian formations under command. Lt. Gen. E. F. Snodgrass, 101st Airborne Division, is reported to be in command of the 9th Corps.

Gen. Crerar Had Record Number In His Command

BY BOB MUNRO
WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN GERMANY, March 8 (CP Cable) — For the offensive which crumpled up the German defenses in the Siegfried Line, General Crerar had under his command in the 1st Canadian Army the 2nd Canadian Corps and the famous 39th British Corps, 61 now is permitted to dislocate.

These are both large corps and made up the biggest command a Canadian ever had. The Reichswald (German Forest) which launched the offensive east of Nijmegen, Holland, Feb. 8, Gen. Crerar's 2nd Canadian Corps, led by Lt.-Gen. B.G. Horrocks, with some Canadian formations under command. Lt. Gen. E. F. Snodgrass, 101st Airborne Division, is reported to be in command of the 9th Corps.

Two Killed, 10 Injured In Hamilton Blast

(By The Canadian Press)
HAMILTON, Ont., March 8 — Two men were killed and 10 other persons injured today when an explosion of unknown origin shattered the Canadian Airlines and Extract Company plant here.

The bodies of Gordon Bier, 47, and James Farnsworth, 26, were removed from the smoldering ruins of the building more than eight hours after the blast shattered the two-story building at 11 a.m. E.D.T.

Four employees of the plant escaped and eight of the 10 injured are in hospitals. Late tonight fire officials were still on the scene and investigation into cause of the explosion is under way.

Most seriously injured was Mrs. W. A. Young, 50, of Hamilton, reported suffering severe shock and back injuries. Her condition today was described by authorities as fair.

The other injured, all of whom are expected to be released from hospital tomorrow, were Mrs. Jean Cox, 26; Marion Reynolds, 19; Archibald Simpson, 26; Richard (Continued on Page 3 Col. 3)

Maj-Gen. Peakes Is Retiring From Army

VANCOUVER, March 8 — (CP) — Maj-Gen. G.R. Peakes, V.C., former general officer commanding in chief, Pacific Command, is retiring from the Canadian Army, Pacific Command officials announced today.

Gen. Peakes now is on six months' retirement leave from Pacific Command. Officials said that he is reasonable to suppose that there are many others whose names have not been released.

Also named were the battleships Queen Elizabeth and Valiant and the battle cruiser Renown.

Establishes Firm, Deep Bridgehead

Newsman Writes From Across Rhine River

By HOWARD COWAN

ACROSS THE RHINE, March 8 — Elements of the United States 1st Army were firmly entrenched on the east bank of the Rhine tonight.

One of the greatest Allied victories in the war was shaping up as a result, and officers expressed the opinion that the whole conflict had been shortened by months by the brilliant coup.

Survivors of the German 7th and 15th Armies, soundly thrashed west of the Rhine, were caught by surprise. They had had no time to reorganize their ranks or improvise defenses. The great gun emplacements and the steel and concrete of the Siegfried Line was far behind and a mercy.

I went across with a Dakota farm boy to get a first-hand story of the heroic troops who snatched up an enemy tumbled and fled across the Rhine for what looks as the greatest American touchdown of the war.

I can't say where and exactly little of what I saw, but this can be said: The Americans are across the Rhine!

Gen. Hodges' hurdling of the Rhine across an expanse probably more than 400 yards wide, was one of the most brilliant coups of the war. The crossing was so swift that the Germans were able to put up only frantic and confused resistance.

Infant Mortality Rates Down In N. S.

(By The Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, March 8—Steady reduction of infant and maternal mortality rates in Nova Scotia was reported in the Provincial Legislature today by Dr. F. R. Davis, Minister of Health and Welfare.

The annual conference of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, which opened today, reported that the infant mortality rate in 1932 to 27 per 1,000 last year, while infant deaths, which had been 1,000 in 1932, dropped to 58 in 1944. Infant deaths recorded do not include those of children under twelve months.

While the Province's death rates still are higher than in some other provinces, the percentage reduction has been greater, he said.

Improvement of home conditions in congested communities, and stricter supervision of pure milk regulations, would cut the rate even more, he asserted.

Farm Income Tax Collections Up

OTTAWA, March 8—Income tax payments by Canadian farmers for 1944 are expected to exceed \$10,000,000, the Revenue Department said today in a statement.

For 1943 income 24,153 farmers paid \$7,244,800. This amount may be increased, the Department said, when examination is completed of returns made last year, on 1943 income, by 37,580 farmers who declared an income not large enough to be taxable.

The number of the number of farmers and amount of tax paid on 1943 by income follows: Prince Edward Island, 214, \$64,200; New Brunswick, 101, \$20,300; Quebec, 452, \$135,600; Ontario, 3,221, \$995,200; Manitoba, 6,860, \$2,076,000; Saskatchewan, 19, \$2,307,600; Alberta, 3,135, \$940,500 and British Columbia, 2,177, \$683,100.

15 Big British Warships Now In Pacific Fleets

(By The Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, March 8—Names of 15 powerful warships serving with the British Pacific and East Indies fleets, including two of the Royal Navy's newest battleships, were announced today by the British Information Services in New York.

The new battleships were the Howe and the King George V, both 35,000-tonners. They carry a powerful main armament of ten 14-inch guns and their speed is approximately 30 knots.

The B.I.S. in its list of the warships which have been named, added: "It is reasonable to suppose that there are many others whose names have not been released."

Also named were the battleships Queen Elizabeth and Valiant and the battle cruiser Renown.

Opposition To Air Raids Light

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, March 8—Nearly 1,700 United States 8th Air Force heavy bombers and fighters swept into the Ruhr today, attacking railroad yards and motor fuel plants supplying the battered German armies on the Rhine, as the greatest sustained air campaign of the war carried through its 24th consecutive day.

One bomber was reported missing—an all-time low for losses on an operation of such magnitude.

The heavy bombers met no opposition from the German air force and most fliers said they had encountered no anti-aircraft fire over the Ruhr, long notorious as "flak valley."

To Pay Market Price For Mutual Aid Wheat

TORONTO, March 8 — (CP) — The Financial Post said in a dispatch from Ottawa today that the Canadian Government in the future will pay the market price for wheat purchased from the wheat board for mutual aid or United Nations Relief.

This would give Canadian farmers an increase of approximately 18 cents a bushel in the price on wheat bought for these purposes.

BULLETIN

LONDON, March 9 — (Friday) — (CP) — An all-India radio report heard in London early today said that Indian troops of the British forces in Burma had captured the main railway station in Mandalay.

Ohio Valley Flood Battle Continues

(By The Associated Press)
PORTSMOUTH, O., March 8 — The Ohio Valley appeared tonight to be winning its fight against the third most disastrous flood in its history, but the issue was undecided at some points. The coast was high.

Although less serious than floods of 1937 and 1913, the rain-fed Ohio River and its tributaries laid siege to hundreds of war arsenals in the rich industrial valley, took at least 10 lives and forced possibly 150,000 persons from their homes.

The crests, however, were headed downstream to the broad Mississippi and there, flood-control provisions were expected to keep the waters in bounds.

Fantastic Amounts Of Enemy Equipment

LONDON, March 8 — (Reuters) — Luxembourg radio tonight described the quantities of German equipment captured in the United States since Army crossings of the Rhine as "downright fantastic." Hundreds of German tanks fell intact into Allied hands, having been immobilized by lack of fuel, the radio said.

4-Weeks-Old Baby Flies The Atlantic

NEW YORK, March 8 — (AP) — Arden Charles Brill Jr., born four weeks ago in a Paris hospital, won the distinction of being the youngest child to cross the Atlantic on an Air Transport Command North Atlantic division plane the A.T.C. announced today. The baby arrived at La Guardia Field last night with his mother, Mrs. Frances Brill, who served as an American Red Cross field director attached to the 3rd Army.

Metropolitan Service

Toronto, March 8 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 40, 47; Edmonton 10, 42; Regina 27, 37; Winnipeg 2, 29; Toronto 19, 30; Ottawa 6, 30; Montreal 15, 30; Quebec 43, 26; Saint John 28; Moncton 2, 28; Halifax 14, 31; Charlottetown 10, 25.

FORECASTS
Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence: Fair with not much change in temperature.
Lower St. Lawrence: Fair and moderately cold.
Lake St. John: Generally fair and cold.
Gulf and Bay Chaleur: Fresh winds, partly cloudy and cold; probably scattered snowflurries.
North Shore: Fresh winds; partly cloudy and cold; probably scattered snowflurries.
Maritime East: Moderate winds; generally fair with not much change in temperature.
Maritime West: Moderate to fresh winds; generally fair with not much change in temperature.

High tide this morning at 7:58 and tonight at 6:32.
Sun sets this evening at 6:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.
New moon 2, 28; Halifax 14, 31; P. M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside —
Leaves Charlottetown 7:45 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 5:45 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12:55 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 8:45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 12:15, 5:45 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 3:26, 8:10 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW (Daily Except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1:10, 4:00 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2:35, 5:20 P.M.