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NAZIS BACK WHERE INVASION BEGAN

Offer Made Of Auxiliary To Car Ferry

Boat Now Operating In New York Can Be Purchased For Borden-Tormentine Summer Service.

Details of an available auxiliary ferry for the Borden-Tormentine service for the carrying of automobiles and trucks during the open season, have been received here by Mr. B Graham Rogers, supervisor of the P.E.I. Travel Bureau, and forwarded to Ottawa. The boat, it is understood, is now operating in New York and is ready for service at any time. Mr. Rogers has been notified by the Department of Transport that the proposal is being investigated.

If suitable, the ferry could run in addition to the Scotia while the present ferry is being overhauled in drydock.

First word received by Mr. Rogers on the subject was in a letter dated March 6 from Mr. Saul Sperling, attorney at law, New York City. Mr. Sperling wrote:

Offered For $95,000

"Some time ago I was advised that you were in need of a ferry to operate to Prince Edward Island. If you are still interested, I am in a position to offer a ferry boat which can be placed into immediate service. It is end loaded and has a steel hull which was built in 1901; length 207 feet breadth 44 feet; over guard, 65 feet; depth 17 feet; draft, 12 feet; displacement, 1050 feet, 501 net tons; water tube boilers installed in 1940; coal burner; bunker capacity 25 tons (can be increased); car capacity, lower deck, 20 cars, besides accommodations for passengers, with slight alterations can hold 40 cars; upper deck exclusively for passengers."

"The asking price," Mr. Sperling wrote, "is $95,000."

Mr. Rogers discussed the matter with Premier Jones, and at the latter's request wrote for further information and also a photograph of the boat.

Mr. Sperling replied, March 15, stating that the boat is now operating in the City of New York. "You need have no concern about the strength of the vessel's deck, as I am advised that she presently accommodates ten trucks of the tonnage mentioned in your letter," he wrote. "I am further informed that it could be safely towed to P. E. Island without any difficulty. Within the next day or so I shall forward to you a snapshot thereof."

Col. Ralston Notified

In the meantime Mr. Rogers communicated with Hon. J.L. Ralston Minister of National Defense, at Ottawa. Col. Ralston replied on March 14 stating that he had immediately brought the matter to the attention of his colleague Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Transport, and asked that he get a report on the suitability of this boat without delay.

On March 21 Mr. Rogers received the following letter from Mr. C. P. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Transport Ottawa.

"Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 10th instant referring to the matter of furnishing an auxiliary ferry to the existing service for the express purpose of carrying automobiles and trucks during the open season in Northumberland Strait. The letter from Mr. Paul Sperling New York, containing particulars of a ferry is being investigated, and I will advise you later in this respect for the information of Premier Jones."

Mr. Edwards added that the matter of a second ferry had been submitted by the designers of the new Prince Eward Island car ferry last year, "and is expected to be considered after the construction of the new ferry is under way."

Mr. Rogers wired Premier Jones, who is now in Ottawa, of the progress of the negotiations to date

Mr. Bracken On Visit To Halifax

HALIFAX, March 26—(CP)—Guessing at the federal election date is the most futile thing John Bracken can think of, the Progressive Conservative National Leader said tonight as he arrived in Halifax.

Mr. Bracken, here on a three-day visit, also was silent on the question of when he would seek a seat in the House of Commons.

"The longer we go without an election, the closer it is," he smilingly observed in his only comment on the question.

Mr. Bracken, who was accompanied by his wife, will confer here with party officials, he also planned to get in some curling.

Lonergan May Be Called To Stand

NEW YORK, March 26— (AP)—Wayne Lonergan, charged with first degree murder in the bludgeon slaying of his heiress wife, Patricia Burton Lonergan, last Oct., may be called to the witness stand for the first time when his trial resumes tomorrow.

Eward V. Broderick, volatile chief defence attorney who has been trying to prevent introduction into the trial record of the defendant's unsigned confession, indicated today that Lonergan might be called to testify because cross-examination by the State could be limited by a 1916 court of appeals ruling.

This ruling, Broderick said, would permit a person to testify as to the truth or falsity of a statement attributed to him and would limit cross examination to that one point.

60,000 British Miners Return To Work Today

LONDON, March 26—Sixty thousand striking Yorkshire coal miners today ratified an agreement reached Saturday between the fuel ministry and mine owners and will return to work tomorrow.

A wage agreement provided an age differential for skilled workers and fuel officials agreed no deductions would be made from the minimum wage of miners for coal taken to heat their own homes.

Twenty-five thousand miners still are away from pits in the Doncaster Area.

COMING EVENTS

**Box Social and Variety Concert in Murray River Hall, Tuesday, March 28th. 3-25-2i.

**Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1944 Catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York. 1-17-tf.

**Loading hogs at Bradalbane every Tuesday. Alex MacDonald. 3-24-27-2i.

**Loading Hogs for Davis and Fraser at Vernon Tuesday afternoon, March 28th. E. C. Nelson. 3-23-27-2i.

**Taking live hogs for Davis & Fraser every Friday till 11.30. Arthur Haslman. 3-9-Thu-Mon-tf.

**Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald Every Friday forenoon until further notice. G. C. Green. 2-7-tf.

**Long River will present a concert in Sea View hall Monday evening, March 27. If not fine following evening. Also dance and sale of pies. 3-25-2i.

**Arrived today at Albany Station, carload brooder and stove hard coal, also in stock best quality soft coal procurable. J. F. Lord. 3-27-2i.

**Loading hogs for Davis and Fraser Thursday March 30 as follows: Morris Caseley, Summerside till 1.30 p.m. Kensington till 3 p. m. Bulman and Bagnall, Hunter River, Friday till noon. Arthur Haslam, Breadalbane Friday till 11.30 a.m. Signed, H. S. MacEwen. 3-27-2p-2i.

British Post-War Program Started

LONDON, March 26—(CP)—In discussing British problems in his radio address tonight, Prime Minister Churchill said a four-year plan of education, public health improvements and national insurance which he proposed a year ago as a postwar program already has been started without relaxing the war effort.

"If this process continues and the war goes on long enough, a greater part of my four-year plan may very well be perfected and largely in operation before we reach a general election and give the people a chance to say what they think about it," he said.

DEFEAT OF JAPS NEARER THAN EXPECTED

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The mad month of March is fading amid a flurry of Axis-Allied preparatory activities which leave no doubt that the war in Europe is zooming to its crisis for Germany, or that the Pacific battle stage has been reset for new tests of Japanese staying power.

From all sides the foes of the besieged Axis mates are closing in despite all the distance odds against them. Pinched between the Russian offensive in the east that now knows no seasonal halts, the fury of Allied air attack from the west, and the slow but unwavering Anglo-American diversion pressure in Italy, Hitler is obviously preparing the inner walls of his shrivelling European fortress.

No surer sign of what Berlin knows to be impending in the west and from the east against that inner defence ring still keeping the war out of Germany itself by air, could be asked than Nazi occupation of Hungary.

Nowhere within the fortress Europe outside the Reich except where it rests on German bayonets, Gestapo espionage and strongarm repression is Nazism firmly planted. Just how strong it still is in Germany itself coming events may soon disclose. A year and more of Nazi defeats and retreat have deeply undermined German military prestige even at home, helped immoderably in the softening-up the European continent for Allied invasion.

Wives Of Servicemen Arrive In Canada

Some Men Included In Contingent; Flt.-Lt. R. D. Farquharson Of Charlottetown Home After Tour Of Duty Overseas.

OTTAWA, March 26 — A new land and a new life before them, British wives of Canadian soldiers and their children have arrived in the Dominion to make homes for husbands awaiting the invasion drive from Britain or fighting in Italy. In some cases, however, the Canadian husbands preceded their wives here and these women rejoined the stalwarts they married overseas.

Some of the children were as old as four and these lived up to the reputation of the well-behaved British children, no fuss or devilitry during the business of the customs and in some cases aiding their mothers in looking after a young brother or sister.

In the same group from overseas came a sprinkling of Canadian veterans from the Mediterranean campaign, category men from England, Canadian navy and R. C. A. F. personnel and a few merchant seamen.

One of the soldiers wearing the 8th Army patch — the Crusader's cross — was a tall Seaforth Highlander, Pte. Eward Crowe - Swords of Vancouver, who wore the Military Medal. His decoration, he said vaguely, was "for different things." This kilted soldier fought through Sicily and into Italy but there sickness plagued him and forced his trip home.

The airmen included Flt. Lt. R. D. Farquharson of Charlottetown and Toronto, back in Canada after a tour of duty overseas. Before the war he worked for the Prince Edward Island government.

Canada's new citizens included: Mrs. Dorothy Morrison and Baby Roderick, going to Lake Megantic, Ont., to join her husband, Gnr. Roderick Morrison, R .C. A.; Mrs. Helen Swartmen and baby Charles, going to Port Arthur, Ont. Her husband, Pte. J. Swartmen, is in Sussex, N. B.; Mrs. Mary Howe; and baby Marion, going to Dartmouth, N. S., to join her husband, leading seaman Garfie d Howe; Mrs. Elizabe h Winfield and baby Barry, going to Toronto to join her husband, Lt. T. A. Winfield.

Local K. Of C. Make Presentation To Archbishop

One hundred and fifty members of the Charlottetown Council of the Knights of Columbus attended the Communion Breakfast held yesterday in the Charlottetown Hotel in celebration of Founder's Week. Mr. R. A. MacDonald was chairman.

The Communion Breakfast also marked the farewell of the Charlottetown Council to Archbishop J. A. O'Sullivan. Grand Knight J. T. Croteau read an address and the presentation of a parting gift was made by the Council Warden D. E. Noonan.

Archbishop O'Sullivan responded fittingly and told of the work of the Knights of Columbus in furthering the cause of education in this province. State Deputy W. M. Flynn, Mr. Justice Arsenault and Hon. Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, also spoke briefly.

Previous to the Communion Breakfast the Knights of Colum-

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Tito's Men Capture Strategic Island

LONDON, March 26 — (CP) — A Yugoslav Army of Liberation communique announced tonight that the Partisans of Marshal Tito (Josip Broz) had attacked the Germans 25 miles from the boundary of Hungary and, with Allied aid, captured the strategic Adriatic Island of Hvar.

The war bulletin, broadcast by the free Yugoslav Radio and recorded here, indicated that the Germans were moving troops out of Yugoslavia to reinforce their garrisons in Hungary which the Nazis took over last week.

Invasion Day Probably Not Far Off Is Belief

Allies Shift Entire Aerial Offensive To Invasion Coast.

LONDON, March 26 — (CP) — Supporting the general belief that invasion day cannot be far off, sky-filling masses of Allied aircraft switched their entire offensive from Germany today to occupied territory where they smashed at several points along the French - Netherlands "invasion coast."

Fighter planes, seeking combat, swept enemy airfields within sight of Paris and never saw a single opposing fighter

Probably more than 2,400 tons of bombs were dropped on Hitler's coastal defences by the air armada which observers said would total 1,700 assorted aircraft between 500 and 750 of them heavy American bombers, accompanied by Allied medium bombers and fighters.

The load they dropped was almost equal to that dropped Friday night by the R.A.F. on the smouldering remains of Berlin, which suffered its greatest raid. So desperately did the Germans try to prevent the British planes from reaching their capital they sent up numerous squadrons of night fighters who fought fanatically against the attacking bombers, of which 73 failed to return, 13 of them R.C A.F.

But the R.A.F. went back again Saturday night, sending out a Mosquito force against the capital's battered industrial area, and a medium-sized fleet of heavy bombers against Aulnoye, an important French railway junction on the Belgian border, and against Lyon in southeastern France. Only one British plane was lost

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Brakeman Killed In Accident At Borden

Local Man Dies Almost Instantly From Injuries Received When Struck By Train.

Mr. James (Bus) R. Rattenbury, 26, Canadian National Railways yard brakeman at Borden and a native of Charlottetown was fatally injured yesterday morning. The accident occurred about 5.15 as he was employed with a train crew switching cars at Borden. He was run over accidentally by the train and died within a few minutes.

Later in the day a coroner's jury found that the death was accidental and absolved the train crew from all blame.

The evidence indicated that Wilfred Burns of Freetown and Arthur W. Jay of Borden were working with the deceased as brakemen. They were switching cars from a train which had just come up from the pier. Rattenbury was the rear end brakeman. The train, backing up on track three, had stopped to permit Rattenbury to open the switch to track four.

Other members of the train crew said he gave the go ahead signal and the train moved back. Burns, who was the next brakeman from the rear noticed that the train remained on track three and then he saw Rattenbury's body under the train. He immediately signalled a stop and called the R. C.M.P. and Dr. Schapira. Police and medical aid arrived in about five minutes. The doctor said that the deceased was alive when he reached the scene but died within a few minutes. He said death was caused by shock due to injuries.

Acting coroner P.J. McInnis, who conducted the hearing, questioned the trainmen as to how the accident occurred. Neither of the other two brakeman saw the accident. It was surmised, however, that the deceased thought he had opened the switch and stood on track three to permit the train to pass. Instead it failed to take the switch and struck him. The men working with Rattenbury testified that he was quite normal yesterdav morning.

Other witnesses included William Worthy, Charlottetown, engineer on the train, Percy Steele, Borden

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Almost Every Canuck Bomber Out Saturday

By FRANK LOWE

LONDON, March 26—(CP Cable)—Hardly a Canadian bomber fit to take the air was left behind in Britain Saturday night as the R. C. A. F. bomber group joined the R. A. F. in attacking railway yards at Aulnoye, France, it was announced today.

All the Canadian aircraft returned safely after delivering a blow that left large fires leaping skywards and scattered the steel rails in the important yards like toothpicks in a breeze. The raid was carried out with little opposition.

Sgt. Harry Vaughan of Halifax, N. S., making his maiden trip with the Goose squadron, reported an explosion.

One of the few pilots reporting trouble Flt. Lt. Ron Anderson of Moncton, N.B., a member of the Ghost Squadron, told how on the homeward trip flak from coastal guns smashed holes in his aircraft. He said he found a piece of flak on the floor of the plane and is keeping it as a souvenir.

Others on the raid included Flt. Sgt. Bob Douglas, Fredericton, N. B., and Sgt. Norman Campbell, Windsor, N.S. It was the first operational trip for Campbell, a bomb-aimer.

Frankfurt Reports Nuisance Raiders

LONDON, March 26—(CP)—The German new radio station located at Frankfurt, which gives warnings on the approach of Allied planes, broadcast at 9 p.m. tonight that "nuisance raiders are approaching western Germany."

Nazis In Cassino Show More Agressive Spirit

Reinforced Enemy Troops Have Staged Brief Tank Sortie.

By Lynn Heinzerling

NAPLES, March 26 — (AP) — Reinforced Nazi troops in Cassino, showing a more offensive spirit, have staged a brief tank sortie, it was disclosed today, as the fighting in the dead town became a slugging match with neither side making progress.

Strengthening their hold on the Continental Hotel fortress the Germans sent two tanks rumbling out into the open in front of that strongpoint to lay a smoke screen, but hot Allied artillery fire drove them back.

Today's communique described the fighting as still heavy, but it was less intense than during the last 10 days when New Zealand troops, following up a tremendous Allied aerial barrage, launched their offensive to drive the enemy from the southwest edge of town. The Germans still are firmly entrenched there.

A party of litter bearers reached Hangman's Hill just under the peak of Monastery Hill Saturday and brought down a number of wounded men under cover of a Red Cross flag. Indian troops on the hill have been isolated for a week, supplied mostly by parachute, and this was the first evacuation of wounded.

The rest of the front was relatively quiet, with the Germans laying a harassing artillery fire on roads and on the Anzio beachhead area 60 miles to the northwest.

Two Canadian Officers To Retire

OTTAWA, March 26 — Maj. Gen. G. R. Turner of Saint John, N. B. and Maj.-Gen. C. R. S. Stein of Quebec City and Vancouver, both with long overseas service, wil. shortly proceed on leave pending retirement on medical grounds, it was announced here today by national defence headquarters.

Maj. Gen. Turner, 54, has been on special duty in Britain during the last few months. Maj.-Gen. Stein, 47, was commander of a Canadian division in Britain from January, 1939 until he relinquished his command last fall. Both are permanent force officers

Rescued Airmen Reach Port In Ship

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, March 26 — (CP) —Three men adrift a week in the Gulf of St. Lawrence ice floes had walked eight miles towards the Gulf's north shore before they were rescued, they disclosed here Saturday when the Canadian Government icebreaker Sorel landed them here.

The three — D. A. Duval of East Kildonan, Man., A. A. Ferguson of Seven Islands, Quebec, and Leo Vignault of Cap Whittle, Quebec — were forced down while flying to Harrington Place, Que., The plane, piloted by Duval, was bringing Vignault to attend the funeral of his sister.

Japs In Another Suicide Offensive

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, March 27 —(Monday) — (AP) — Two-thousand Japanese hurled themselves against the American perimeter at Torokina on Bougainville Island last Thursday in another suicide offensive but were thrown back after heavy fighting which left 300 Nipponese dead and abandoned on the jungle battlefield

On the northern side of the widespread battle area, cavalry troops which are mopping up the Admiralty Islands occupied the Islets of Amo and Nodrove on the southeast coast of Manus Island without opposition on Friday.

Victory Over All Axis Is Seen Certain

Churchill Gives Review Of War Situation In Address.

LONDON, March 26—(CP)—Prime Minister Churchill tonight expressed confidence of victory over all the Axis, over Germany despite admittedly slow Allied progress in Italy, and sooner than expected over the Japanese, who are "showing signs of great weakness."

In a 45-minute address to Britain and the world, Mr. Churchill lauded the Russian advance of more than 900 miles a year as "the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing" but paid great tribute, also, to "the prodigious blows of British and American airpower" against Germany.

The greatest danger the Allies have overcome, however, is the U-boat attacks, he declared.

The initiative in the Far East has passed to the Allies, Mr. Churchill said.

The Japanese are showing signs of great weakness. Attrition of their shipping, especially their tankers and their air forces....has become not merely evident but obvious"

Surveying the Anglo-American blows against Germany, the prime minister said the gigantic Royal Air Force now has been "definitely overtaken and outnumbered" by the United States air force in Britain alone and that either force alone is nearly as numerous and much more powerful than the entire German Luftwaffe.

Of the British and American war effort he said: "It would be quite natural if our Soviet friends and Allies did not appreciate the complications and difficulties which attend all sea crossing—amphibious is he word—operations on a large scale."

The Russians are a land people, he noted and their tasks and those of Britain and the United States are different but in a strongly-worded tribute to the Russians, he declared:—

"Since I spoke to you last, not only have the hun invaders been driven from land they had ravaged, but the guts of the German army have been largely torn out by Russian valor and generalship."

The prime minister began his address in a slow measured tone —weighing each word carefully

Beginning with a review of the African campaign, Mr. Churchill

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Airmen From S'side Safe

MULGRAVE, N. S., March 26 — (CP) — A plane from the airport at Summerside, P. E. I. was forced down on the Strait of Canso ice early today, but the four servicemen it carried were picked up by shore residents in a small boat

The plane landed in the darkness 10 miles south of here. The fliers came down at 1.30 A. M after circling the area for some time, dropping flares.

At dawn, they were spotted by Charles Grant, keeper of the Eddy Point light. Grant, his two sons and Ernest England obtained a fishing boat and made their way to the spot through heavy ice to bring the fliers to land.

None of the men in the plane had been injured. The plane itself was not damaged badly. It remained afloat and was moving slowly toward the mouth of the Strait tonight.

Cause of the forced landing was not known here.

Burma Fighting Expanding Into Major Campaign

NEW DELHI, March 26 —(AP) — The battle for Northern Burma expanded into the strategic aspects of a major campaign today as the Southeast Asia Command announced a British Commando force had slashed within 32 miles of Myitkyina, main Japanese base north of the Burma road.

But stiff fighting was in progress in the Indian jungle where the Allies struggled to blunt three Japanese invasion spearheads pointed at Imphal, main Allied base on the plain of Manipur.

Soviets Reach Prut River In Westward Push

LONDON, March 26—(AP)—The Red Army today reached the Prut River frontier of Rumania, whence Adolf Hitler launched the southern wing of his 1941 invasion, after an epic 800-mile march from Stalingrad across bleak Russian steppes which became a graveyard for hundreds of thousands of German troops.

Premier - Marshal Stalin, announcing one of the biggest military comebacks in history, ordered a record 24-salvo salute from 324 guns in Moscow to celebrate the first reconquest of a portion of "our state frontier" in the shadow of the Balkan Carpathian mountains.

Exactly one week after crossing the Dniester River, the Russians swept 60 miles westward across Bessarabia to reach the Prut on a 53-mile front

To the north other Soviet units established a 50-mile invasion bridgehead on the upper Dniester River for a crossing into Bucovina, a former Rumanian province; in pre-war Poland the Russians were within 35 miles of the 1941 Bug River frontier between Germany and Russia, while far to the southeast, in southern Russia, the Germans were threatened by a steadily closing Soviet trap in the Nikolzav-Odessa area along the Black Sea.

The German garrison of Tarnopol in pre-war Poland has been encircled by Russian troops, said a communique recorded by The Soviet Monitor and broadcast after Stalin's order of the day

Gale Sweeps Canadian Corps Front In Italy

WITH THE CANADIAN CORPS IN ITALY, March 26—(CP Cable) —Normal patrols were carried out Saturday on the Canadian Corps front which was buffeted by a gale from the Adriatic Sea. No close contact with the enemy was reported.

Prices Offered For Root Seeds Too Low

KENTVILLE, N S., March 26—Efforts of the agricultural supplies board at Ottawa to negotiate contracts for 1945 field root seed production have been delayed in the Maritimes because of producers' dissatisfaction at the offered prices.

This was indicated at a weekend conference of seed men here. The conferees were informed acreage allotments for seed could be met, but it was claimed prices offered were lower than those guaranteed by the government for the last two years, and in some cases below pre-war levels

Those attending the conference included J G Clark, district supervisor, plant products division, Sackville, N B

High tide this afternoon at 1.50 and tomorrow morning at 12.36

Sun sets this evening at 7.20, and rises tomorrow morning at 6.49

First quarter moon March 31, 9.34 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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