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FERCE BATTLE RAGING NORTH OF GREEK CAPITAL

Fate Of B.E.F. In Balance As Axis Advances

King and Government flee to Crete; Large section of Greek army capitulates.

(By J. Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Staff Writer)
ATHENS, April 23—(AP)—British and Greek troops fought desperately against the Germans north of Athens tonight after the entire northwest Greek armies collapsed and King George II and his Government abandoned Athens for the island of Crete.

British and Greek headquarters reported intact their vastly outnumbered troops who had been holding Thermopylae pass and the Lokris mountains 100 miles to the north, but their exact disposition was not revealed. These soldiers apparently had these choices:—

To fight and die on the spot; withdraw slowly to

NEW YORK, April 24—(Thursday) — (AP)—The Athens radio was still sending normal commercial and Government messages at 1 a.m. A.S.T.—7 a.m., Athens time.

Latest German and Italian reports have claimed the Axis troops were drawing nearer almost hourly to the Greek capital but the Axis threat thus far has caused no interruption of the regular work of the Athens radio station.

southern embarkation ports, or retreat into southwestern Greece, the Peloponnesus area.

German dive bombers swarmed over Greek southern ports, especially concentrating on the nearby port of Piraeus. Shipping, docks and harbor installations were bombed repeatedly.

King George and Greek Premier Emmanuel Tsouderos announced to the people the news of the Government's flight to Crete and Greek intention to carry on the struggle "with all the remaining forces with a view to securing the supreme national interests."

Athens had alarm after alarm as German bombers attacked targets near the capital, but despite this and the huge clouds of smoke rolling over the area of the Acropolis and the news of the Government's departure, the public remained calm.

They went about their little holiday plans—St. George's Day—and gathered in small groups in coffee shops to discuss the sad events.

All civil government functions were carried out in a normal manner.

Capitulation of the army of Epirus, which threw the Italians out of Greece into Albania last fall, was done without the government's knowledge the King told the people.

The collapse of that formidable force, the Greek premier said, apparently was "precipitated by exhaustion."

Calling on the people to fight

NEW YORK, April 23—(AP)—Rioting broke out tonight outside Manhattan Centre where Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was scheduled to address a rally of the America First Committee.

Men and women were kicked and beaten and several were knocked unconscious when about 100 men and women appeared bearing signs denouncing Lindbergh. They were attacked by the crowd.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Reserve May 7th for Pownall Concert. L-999-4-21-21.
 - Unloading Albion Nut Coal at Milton. B. C. Webster. L-976-4-23-21.
 - Dance in Morell Hall Friday, 25th. St. Avaris Orchestra. L-996-4-24-21.
 - Prince Edward Island Hospital luncheon sale, Kirk Hall, April 26, 2:30 p.m. L-16-4-24-21.
 - Rummage sale Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m. L-10-4-24-26.
 - Loading hogs at Colville until 1 p.m., Friday, April 25th. Leslie MacDonell. L-926-4-21-21.
 - Little Theatre, 2 comedies, tonight and Friday night. Excellent specialties. L-822-4-17-24.
 - Don't forget play "The Taming of Shrews," Holy Redeemer Hall, Friday, April 25th by 5th Company Girl Guides. L-6-4-24-11.
 - Loading hogs at Albany every Thursday afternoon, Friday at Emerald until 11:30 a.m. A. C. Green Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald. L-6-4-24-11.
 - The annual meetings of the Ugeg Farmers Institutes and the Ugeg and Grandview Shipping Club will be held in the Orange Hall on Friday, April 25th at 7:30. S. E. MacLeod and Lloyd Robbins. L-6-4-24-11.

St. George's Day celebrated in Ch'town

Military, Naval And Air Force Men Take Part In Parade.

Charlottetown, in common with other parts of Prince Edward Island, was in holiday dress yesterday as countless flags waved from rooftops, poles and windows in honor of St. George, patron saint of England. The weather was on its best behavior with bright sunshine streaming down on thousands of citizens who turned out to witness one of the largest combined military, naval and air force parades ever seen here.

In morning patriotic talks were given in each of the City schools and special services were held in the churches to mark the celebration. School children were allowed to leave the classrooms early in the afternoon to join other citizens in watching the parade.

A summary of the addresses given at the schools appear elsewhere in the Guardian.

The feature of the day was the parade of servicemen who assembled at Willow Corner and marched off at three o'clock. Members of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, headed by Petty Officer Ross, the Veterans' Guard of Canada, under command of Captain J. J. Leichter, men from the Military Training Centre, led by Major A. S. Robertson, and a detachment of the Royal Air Force, under Pilot Officer E. E. McLandie, took part.

The parade was under the command of Lieut.-Col. P. I. Andrew, M.M. Thousands of citizens lined the route of march and watched from doors and windows as the parade went by, and many complimentary remarks were heard on the fine appearance of the men in uniform. The Royal Canadian Naval detachment, with their gun carriage, were

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Empire forces Take offensive in No. Africa

CAIRO, April 23—(AP)—The empire forces in Libya "generally speaking" now are taking the offensive against the Germans and Italians, authorities here said today as British general headquarters announced the capture of 447 Italians in a sortie by Australians from the besieged port of Tobruk.

Military authorities said that the captured Italians were bombed by their own aircraft as they were being escorted into Tobruk.

A considerable small-scale offensive also is in progress around Sialum, farthest point of the Axis advance just inside Egypt, it was revealed. Meanwhile, Nazi-Fascist action was limited to the bombing of British positions and small patrol activity.

Countering previous Italian claims, the British command announced that a raiding party landed at Bardia, Libya, last Saturday night, destroyed important objectives and re-embarked with the loss of only 80 men captured.

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U. S. Navy Likely To Patrol Western Half Of Atlantic

Move would release British and Canadian navies for concentrated patrol in battle area.

WASHINGTON, April 23—(AP)—The United States Navy, it was believed in informed quarters tonight, plans to establish a patrol of the North Atlantic half-way to Great Britain on the main route of British supply ships.

A statement of Mayor La Guardia of New York, chairman of the joint American-Canadian defence board that the board had provided for the defence of North America with waters up to 1,000 miles off the United States and Canadian coasts was interpreted here as meaning that British and Canadian naval convoys on this side of the Atlantic would largely or entirely be dispensed with.

The recent acquisition of American bases in Greenland and the decision to take over the protection of that Danish colony appear to fit into a general plan to relieve the British shipping emergency.

Mayor La Guardia's statement, made today during a speech in

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Newsman Tells Of Great Naval Raid On Tripoli

Caught Nazis and Fascists unaware; First believed it was air raid; Mass of flames.

(By Larry Allen, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WITH THE BRITISH FLEET BOMBARDING TRIPOLI, April 21—(Delayed)—(AP)—Battleships, cruisers and destroyers of this fleet fired more than 1,000 tons of high-explosive shells into Tripoli at dawn today in a vastly destructive bombardment which caught the Germans and Italians so unaware that they first mistook it for an air raid.

Fleet officers said this was the heaviest assault of its sort in naval history. Certainly it was among the most spectacular. They described as "highly effective" the attack on the last strong Italian base in Africa.

Officers declared this base was so heavily hit and so many wrecked ships in harbor that it would be difficult to use it as a headquarters from which to send Axis reinforcements to the army pressing against Egypt.

For 42 minutes the 15-inch, six-inch and 4.5-inch shells roared over the old Moorish walls, crushing buildings like eggshells, striking seven Axis ships which were severely damaged and possibly sunk, setting fire to the railroad station, the power plant, underground depots, naval headquarters and pier buildings. The British attackers suffered neither damage nor casualties.

The fleet safely reached Alexandria Wednesday where it was confirmed that the British warships and planes suffered no damage during the Tripoli shelling. Axis planes which attempted to bomb the warships en route home were beaten off and at least one was shot down.

The German-African error of believing this was an air raid was understandable, for the naval attack was ushered in by a 90-minute bombing by waves of Royal

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Australians Review war Situation

Parliament to Convene May 7 to Discuss Developments.

By J. E. Holdsworth
Canadian Press Correspondent

SYDNEY, April 23—(CP)—Parliament will assemble early next month—probably May 7—to review the war situation. It was announced today that the Commonwealth's advisory war council went into session to discuss recent developments in which Australia's men overseas have figured in the forefront of the theatres of war.

Although Labor members of the council, which is representative of all Parliamentary groups, have complained because the council was not consulted on the sending of Australian men to Greece, today's meeting was said to have been marked by no bitterness. Sessions will be continued tomorrow.

Decision to call Parliament into session was made after communication between cabinet members here and Prime Minister Robert Menzies who is in London.

Mr. Menzies, in a special message to Australia Tuesday night, explained that the move into Greece was a matter of high strategy and consequently kept so secret that the council could not be informed.

He appealed at the same time for formation of a "truly national administration."

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Plymouth Again bombed

A SOUTHWEST AREA OF ENGLAND, April 24—(Thursday)—(CP)—A heavy German attack on this bomb-damaged section of England killed at least 12 persons early today but grimy air raid workers said it was a "fat failure."

The town apparently was Plymouth, which thus has undergone raids for three straight nights. The workers said almost all of the many bombs dropped fell on ruins of buildings previously bombed, so that there was "very little new damage."

Two Canadians Lost in sinking Of Rajputana

Island Man is Included in List of Survivors.

OTTAWA, April 23—(CP)—Two Canadian men were lost in the sinking of the armed merchant cruiser H. M. S. Rajputana, naval headquarters said today. Fourteen other Canadians survived loss of the vessel which was announced by the British Admiralty.

Those lost were Lieut. Victor R. Bussereau, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, of Halifax, and Midshipman Frank Johnston, R.C.N.V.R., of Saint John.

Among the survivors was Cmdr. Paul B. Cross, R.C.N.V.R., also of Saint John, who has a home in Halifax.

Following is the list of missing and survivors as issued by naval headquarters, with next of kin—Reputedly missing, believed killed: Bussereau, Victor R., Lieut. (E), R.C.N.V.R., temporary, Mrs. Patricia Bussereau (wife) 281 Tower Road, Halifax.

Johnston, Frank, Mid., R.C.N.V.R., temporary, Mrs. Jessie L. Johnston, (mother) 11 Garden St., Saint John, N. B.

Survivors: Shepard, Thomas J., stoker 1st class, R.C.N.V.R., ONV25230, Mrs. Harriet Shepard (mother) Cardigan Head, P.E.I.

Cross, Paul B., Cmdr., R.C.N.V.R., Mrs. Evelyn C. Cross (wife) 123 Coburg Rd., Halifax.

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Turks prepare For attacks

ISTANBUL, Turkey, April 23—(AP)—Turkey prepared tonight for any eventuality, guarding against any attack from the Axis even though it was declared that such a delusion was not expected at present.

There was no official comment on reports that Germans have seized Greek islands close to Turkey, but officials in Ankara said their policy still is peace if independence is threatened.

Prime Minister Churchill said in London Tuesday it was possible the Greeks had occupied the Greek island of Samothrace.

Removal of many civilians from Istanbul as a precaution was getting under way tonight and some wooden houses regarded as fire-traps were demolished.

Foreign circles here held that the ambitions of Bulgaria are the determining factor in the Turkish attitude. They agreed that Turkey would fight rather than surrender any territory to give Bulgaria an outlet to the Aegean Sea.

\$63,378 in Queen's Canadian fund

MONTREAL, April 23—(CP)—Total contributions since the national fund was started April 3 have reached \$63,378, it was announced today by the Queen's Canadian fund for Aid to Victims, Deutschland, with a loss of 285 lives.

Little news From Balkans

LONDON, April 23—(CP)—An anxious Britain waited on this St. George's day for some definite word of her army in Greece.

Prepared for the worst, the public had only a one-sentence official announcement in a Cairo general headquarters communique to go by tonight:—

"Empire forces are consolidating their new defensive positions." That was all.

The general uncertainty and bewilderment concerning the Balkan situation was reflected in a declaration from qualified sources commenting on the reported surrender of a portion of the Greek army that "to the best of our knowledge" this did not mean Britain's defence line had been broken.

The same sources, however, contributed nothing cheerful to the news with the added comment that "as far as we know some Greek troops are still fighting and our forces also. There has been no word of our evacuating Greece."

Beaverbrook Has Words Of Cheer In Gloom

Tells House of Lords of fast-growing British air power.

(By HAROLD FAIR, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 23—(CP CABLE)—Amid the gloom of apparent disaster in the Balkans, Lord Beaverbrook told the House of Lords today of fast-growing British air power to challenge the Nazi air force.

"We have already immense American deliveries," he said. "Many of these American machines are in operational use—very many. We've handed over to the Royal Air Force nearly 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft, including the Canadian Hurricane." He added they were "very fine machines ready to fly and fight."

The Canadian-born Minister of Aircraft Production, leading Britain's effort to surpass the aviation might of Germany, declared that aircraft supplies from North America are arriving here steadily. He announced there had been only one loss in delivery by air across the Atlantic.

That was the plane which carried Sir Frederick Banting of Toronto to discover of insulin, to his death in a crash in Newfoundland.

"There has, of course, been a steady drain on our shipments of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy," he continued. "We greatly deplore the destruction of splendid aircraft so suitable for our purposes but the disappointment is somewhat dissipated by our knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the U.S.A. now is increasing with such rapidity that we shall certainly reach one day the supply which I was authorized by the U.S.A. to promise six months ago."

Secret Session

Lord Beaverbrook's statement preceded a secret session at which he gave fuller information on detailed points raised in connection with the United States airplane surplus.

The Minister said the Admiralty had informed him of the arrival in the last few days of 85 a refit by sea, 355 tons of airplane parts and

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U. S. convoy Aid forecast By La Guardia

OTTAWA, April 23—(CP)—Plans of the Canada-United States permanent Joint Defence Board, proposed by defence by Canada and United States of the waters within 1,000 miles of their coasts on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, Ontario La Guardia, of New York, told a cheering luncheon audience today.

Full significance of the statement was not immediately apparent but in some quarters, because of a remark Mayor La Guardia had made earlier today, it was believed to forecast use of United States naval craft in convoy duty half way across the Atlantic.

Mayor La Guardia is American chairman of the Defence Board. He flew to Ottawa this morning after a meeting in Washington with President Roosevelt yesterday.

In the course of his address before a St. George's Day luncheon gathering of the Canadian Club and

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German Attack At Greek Rear Is Great Tragedy

Snatched away victory won over Fascist Legion.

By Daniel De Luce
Associated Press Staff Writer

IZMIR, (Smyrna), Turkey, April 23—(AP)—To 800,000 Greeks the German drive in Greece is as tragic as any ever conceived by their great playwrights of classical days.

It was intervention which, the Greeks felt, snatched away at the last moment a victory won by blood and pain over the Italian legions who swept in from the north last fall.

Every regimental headquarters on the Albanian front from Chitara to Podgradetz had planned the spring offensive which was to shove the Italians back out of Albania.

"We will throw everything into it,"

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Increases lead

WINNIPEG, April 23—(CP)—Tail-end returns from yesterday's Manitoba election trickled in slowly today, increasing Premier Baken's Coalition strength to 39 seats in the 55-member legislature. Only two opposition candidates had been elected and two others were leading in the remaining 14 seats to be decided.

Many Manitobans trekked to rural polls through a wash of a rainy spring day and the vote was one of the smallest in many years. In Winnipeg, where citizens were not handicapped by weather conditions, only 58,007 persons exercised their franchise, a cut 18,000 less than the numbers who voted in 1936.

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Nazis try to Speed production

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, April 23—(CP Cable)—Nazi officials in Rumania are trying to force United States-owned oil firms there to increase production for the German war machine, according to employees of one of the firms who passed through here today on their way to the U.S.

The eight oil men traveling by Pan American Airways Dixie Clipper, were employed at the Romano-American oil field when the Germans entered Rumania. They said their company had decided, despite Nazi urgings to restrict production to present properties and do no further export business for the present.

They described the food situation in the country as bad.

Heavy German Raid on Malta

VALETTA, Malta, April 23—(AP)—Considerable damage to civilian property during a "heavy" night raid by land mines and bombs dropped by a large German air squadron was announced tonight by the British command on this Mediterranean island naval base.

Four persons were injured seriously and a number of houses were demolished, a communique said.



FORECAST

MARITIME EAST: Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy with about the same temperature, followed by scattered showers at night.

Synopsis: The weather has been generally fair today in the Pacific Provinces with somewhat higher temperatures in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and it continues mild in Alberta, while in Ontario it has been cool with light rain in many districts.

Sun sets this evening at 6:56 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:59.

New moon April 26 9:23 a.m. High tide this morning at 10:52 and tonight at 10:18. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3 P.M., daily except Sunday.