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GOV. GENERAL'S CONDITION GRAVE

Two Enemy U-Boats Sunk By Royal Navy

Sinking Believed To Bring Germany's Submarine Loss To At Least 40 Craft.

LONDON, Feb. 9—(CP Cable)—Destruction of two German submarines—one of which was believed to have sunk the Canadian Pacific freighter Beaverburn—by a single destroyer of His Majesty's navy was proudly announced by the Admiralty tonight.

The suggestion that the 9,874-ton speedy Canadian freighter may have been avenged promptly was put forward by usually well-informed sources after the Admiralty announcement.

These sources recalled that at the same time the freighter sank there was an unconfirmed report that a destroyer, scouting in the vicinity, had in turn bagged a U-boat.

The communique said:

"The Admiralty announce that two U-boats have been destroyed by one of His Majesty's destroyers. It is not the normal practice of the Admiralty to announce the sinkings of U-boats as they occur, but an exception has been made on this occasion in view of the fact that the two U-boats were sunk by one destroyer whilst attacking a convoy."

Proud Communique

The terse but proud communique came shortly after the Royal Air Force shot down one German bombing plane, damaged two others and scattered the rest of a series of German attackers attempting to sink British and neutral coastal shipping.

British authorities have concentrated upon safety measures for these convoys on which food supplies depend. Winston Churchill the other day said the chances against successful attack by the enemy on a convoyed ship were 500 to 1. Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, general officer commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, in an address at London today said the Royal Navy had convoyed from Canada to Britain a Canadian force "whose strength is measured in tens of thousands . . . without the loss of a man."

Not Identified

The Admiralty did not say where the attempted submarine attack had occurred. Nor did it identify the destroyer. Conservative estimates now are that at least 40 German U-boats have been sunk since the war started.

Reports from coastal points gave no confirmation to German claims that during the day their aerial raiders had sunk or seriously damaged six merchantmen and two patrol ships. The German broadcast said one German airplane was lost.

Enemy Action

"Enemy action," whether by planes, mine or torpedo, sent a Scottish freighter to the bottom off the northwest coast. The ship, the 5,406-ton Chagres, of Glasgow, sank after an explosion, with two of her crew of 64 missing.

Two other ships off the east coast sent SOS messages during the afternoon but whether they were damaged was not known. They were the Clintonia, 3,106 tons, and the Lord Darling, 256 tons.

The German plane which the Royal Air Force's defenders caught and downed was a big black Heinkel which swung over the Firth of Forth and dropped a bomb through the 102-ton dredger Foremost. Two of the dredger's crew of nine were feared lost when their lifeboat, pulling away from the crippled ship, swamped. Tonight the damaged Foremost reached port under tow.

Coming Events

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Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

**Buy Island flour, the good wholesome food. L-259

**Playoff game Milton rink tonight, Rovers vs. Hornets. L-257.

**Car hay arriving soon. Book orders now. R. L. Dickieson. L-198-2-8-31.

**Crushing done while you wait at Scott's Mills. L-259.

**South Milton cake sale postponed until further notice. L-253.

**Come February 14th, St. Catherine Hall, the Valentine Supper. 25c. L-174-2-8-10-14.

**Kirk Auxiliary Theatre night, St. James Hall, February 22nd. L-246-2-10-11.

**New Glasgow tonight Rangers vs. Maple Leafs. Playoff game. L-263.

**Borden rink Monday 12th, Alberton Regals vs. Nationals. Skate after. L-260-2-10-2:

**Social Service Rummage Sale, February 10th. Afternoon and evening. Holy Name Hall. L-76-2-3-8-10.

**Reserve Thursday, March 28th, for the Kirk Auxiliary Turkey Supper and Bazaar in St. James Hall. L-205-2-9-21.

**Zion Church Valentine Tea Tuesday, February 13th, 5 to 7. Tickets 40 cents. Aprons, Candy, Refreshment tables. L-209-2-9-21.

**Bring your wheat to be ground into flour to Scott's Mills, St. Avards. L-259.

**P. E. I. Hospital cake sale by the ladies of St. Peters Cathedral at the Rogers Hardware, Saturday afternoon, February 10th L-234-2-9-21.

**Ladies, save time and money by buying your weekend needs in home cooking by the ladies of St. Peters Cathedral at the Rogers Hardware, Saturday afternoon, February 10th L-234-2-9-21.

Arson Suspected In Fireworks Plant Blaze

REDONDO BEACH, Calif., Feb. 9—(AP—Arson investigators trod smoking embers of a 1 1-2 -acre fireworks plant today seeking cause of an explosion that destroyed 17 buildings.

Heavily stocked with explosives due to the war's drain on supplies, the factory was ripped by repeated blasts. The shocks were felt for 20 miles.

Three residents of nearby houses were injured slightly, but a dozen other families asleep at the time were unhurt. Many windows were broken.

Damage was estimated unofficially at $150,000. Pat Lizza, owner of the plant of the Golden state fireworks and display company, was in the east on a business trip.

Investigators said they believed the explosion was caused by arson or spontaneous combustion.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON — Admiralty announces single destroyer sank two German submarines; British fighting planes shoot down German bomber during Nazi raid on shipping.

PARIS—Chamber of Deputies holds secret discussion of war, communique says debate devoted to "organization of national defence."

ISTANBUL—Turkey ousts 100 German technicians from jobs in war and naval ministries.

WASHINGTON — Undersecretary of State Welles ordered to visit Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain for information on war conditions.

HELSINGFORS — Finns say Mannerheim Line holding against massed Russian assaults.

BERLIN—DNB, Germans News Agency claims German bombers sank or destroyed eight ships in raid on British coast.

MONTREAL — Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir, in serious condition after operation, brought from capital to Montreal Neurological Institute for treatment.

Enjoying The Show

The public in Britain is advised to go as quickly and directly as possible to an air raid shelter, when hostile aircraft appear. Those folk, however, with cheerful indifference to their safety stay above ground and look on as anti-aircraft batteries go into action against a German raider over the Thames estuary.

Reds Lose:—

Fiercest Fighting Of War Raging

By Thomas F. Hawkins
Associated Press Staff Writer

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 9—(AP)—Heaviest fighting of the war surged tonight across the Karelian Isthmus and against the Mannerheim Line, where the stubbornly defending Finns reported they were holding their line against massed Russian assaults and inflicting heavy losses on the attackers.

The central section of the Isthmus front, between Punnunjoki and Panuri, bore the brunt of the fighting. The Finns asserted the Russians lost more than 700 men battering unsuccessfully against the line's outer fortifications with tanks, artillery and planes.

Heavy Russian losses also were reported by the Finns in the Summa sector, at the western end of the line, and along the Taipale River on the eastern flank, where Red Army thrusts were reported turned back.

Despite these setbacks, the Finns said, the Russians still were attacking along the entire length of the front.

As usual, the Finns made no estimate of their losses. In the sector northeast of Lake Ladoga, they said they captured "a powerfully manned enemy firing point" and improved positions near Kuhmo.

The nightly communique said 40 Russian tanks had been captured in yesterday's fighting. Twenty-one of these were reported destroyed on the Isthmus front.

Finnish officials firmly denied reports that the Mannerheim Line had been punctured at any point, and said it was holding up against all assaults. A Russian communique last night said attacks on the line had resulted in caputre of 13 forts.

Rumors N. B. House May Not Meet Until April

FREDERICTON, Feb. 9—(CP)—Rumors that this year's session of the New Brunswick Legislature might not start until after the Dominion Election were considered today at a caucus of opposition members.

"The meeting was strongly of the opinion that the session should be called at once," a spokesman said after the caucus.

The Legislative sessions usually open in February. A session starting in April would be the latest since 1917.

Brakeman Dies After Accident

EDMUNSTON, N. B., Feb. 9 —(CP) —Struck by the snow plow of the Bangor-Aroostook freight train train, brakeman Henry Corbin died in hospital here two hours later today. One leg was severed by the plow and the other had to be amputated.

Corbin was at work signalling and turning switches when the accident occurred near the United States end of the international bridge linking Edmunston and Madawaska, Me. He resided at Grand Isle, Me.

Brief Storm Blocks Roads; N. S. Hit

A brief blizzard which struck Prince Edward Island early yesterday abated last night and with clearing skies and calmer weather snow plows went to work on paved highways blocked with deep drifts in places.

A four-inch snow fall was recorded by Mr. Warren Burns, weather observer at the Charlottetown Experimental station. Maximum wind velocity was 34 miles-per-hour, from the west and northwest.

Afternoon yesterday the temperature which had been only a few degrees below freezing for more than twenty-four hours took a sudden plunge downward and at 2 p. m. had dropped fifteen degrees. Tonight the thermometer was holding steady at 13 degrees above zero.

The snow plows went out just before dark and it was expected they would work all night and have the highways open for motor traffic by morning.

Canadian airways planes remained grounded here because of the storm until weather cleared in the afternoon when one round flight was made to Moncton.

Canadian National Railways were unaffected. Last night the train with passengers from the mainland arrived here one hour behind schedule but railway officials said part of the delay was due to late connections on the mainland.

The ice breaking carferry Charlottetown was making the nine-mile crossing of Northumberland strait with only slight delay from drift ice.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9 —(CP)—A brief but severe blizzard struck sections of Nova Scotia today, crippling traffic along rural highways and causing numerous automobile collisions.

The storm lasted only about an hour, most centres reported, but a near-gale piled drifts high even in that time.

At Springhill, four persons were injured, two requiring hospital treatment, when two cars collided as the blizzard was at its height.

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Canadians Enlist With Finn Army

LONDON, Feb. 9 —(CP Cable)—An undisclosed number of Canadians are among the hundreds of British subjects who have volunteered here to serve in the Finnish forces against Russia.

An official of the Finnish legation where the applicants are being enrolled declined to reveal the number or identity of the Canadians but said some were expert skiers who would be a useful addition to the manpower of the Finns.

Canadian volunteers, it was said, would be better able to stand up to the rigors of the climate in the far north campaign.

The doorbell of the legation was ringing all day long. Volunteers of all ages arrived. Only those outside the classes liable to be called up in Britain for military service this year were accepted.

An authoritative spokesman said the British government is participating in the scheme only to the extent of granting exit permits to approved volunteers.

LOCAL LEGION PREPARES FOR FUNDS DRIVE

Workers Prepare Of Opening Of Campaign At Enthusiastic Meeting.

Over forty sat down to a banquet at the Charlottetown Hotel last night to arrange for the opening in Charlottetown of the campaign for the Canadian Legion War Services Incorporated. Capt. N. W. Lowther, Campaign Chairman for Charlottetown, presided.

Brief but enthusiastic speeches were made by Major T. E. MacNutt, Campaign Manager, and Mr J. O. Hyndman, and Col. R. C. Chandler, County Chairman. Provincial Chairman of the Campaign, in which the belief was expressed that the amount asked for in Prince Edward Island would be exceeded. The chairman announced

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Increased U. S. Pork Imports Worrying Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 9—(CP)—The Canadian Government, it became known tonight, is considering what steps, if any, should be taken with regard to increased imports of American pork products since heavy Canadian exports to the United Kingdom have boosted prices in the Dominion over those of the United States.

Due largely to the prices being paid for Canadian bacon and hams by Great Britain, live hog prices are running approximately three cents a pound higher in Canada than in the United States.

It is not feasible to bring live hogs from United States into Canada because of Dominion health regulations, marketing experts said. But approximately 25,000,000 pounds of American pork products were imported in 1939.

The imports in December reached almost 5,000,000 pounds and will be higher in January, it was stated.

Under the Canada-United States Trade Agreement the Canadian duty on pork products is 1 1-4 cents a pound but under an existing order-in-council packers bringing in United States pork products and exporting Canadian bacon would be entitled to a drawback of 99 per cent, which would mean that much of the American pork would come in practically free.

The object of the order-in-council is to enable Canadian manufacturers to compete in external markets by obtaining foreign supplies they use free of duties. However, tariff officials stated, it is broad enough to cover claims for drawbacks, should packers submit them, where Canadian pork is used in the bacon exported and American pork used in the bacon for Canadian market.

WHERE LOCUSTS SWARM

MARQUARD, South Africa — (CP)—First locusts in this district in four years, a swarm four miles long and six miles wide passed over the town one morning, flying south.

Improvement Is Seen After 2nd Operation Made

Lord Tweedsmuir Rushed To Montreal Hospital Following Emergency Operation At Rideau Hall.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9—(CP)—Lord Tweedsmuir was officially reported slightly but definitely improved following an operation performed tonight. However his condition was announced as still critical.

Sir Shuldham Redfern, the Governor-General's personal secretary, announced the following bulletin issued by attending doctors at 11:05 p. m.:

"His Excellency had a sub-temporal decompressive operation this evening at the Montreal Neurological Institute. The operation was performed by Doctors Wilder Penfield and William Cone. There has resulted a slight but definite improvement but his condition must be considered critical.

"(Signed)

"Jonathan Meakins, Colin Russel, Gordon Gunn, Wilder Penfield, William Cone."

It was the second operation performed today to relieve the concussion suffered by Lord Tweedsmuir when he fell in a faint at Government House Tuesday. He struck his head in the fall. This morning an emergency trepanning operation was performed at Government House and this afternoon His Excellency was rushed to Montreal by special train.

The same doctors signed the bulletins from both operations.

Lord Tweedsmuir was in the operating room for some three hours tonight while the internationally-known neuro-surgeons worked to relieve his injury.

The governor-general was removed to hospital here after an operation at Rideau Hall earlier today. The emergency trepanning operation was performed to relieve intracranial pressure that followed the concussion suffered when Lord Tweedsmuir fell during a fainting spell Tuesday morning in Government House.

The special three-car train which speeded him from Ottawa to Montreal pulled into Bonaventure station at 5.33 p. m. 2 1-2 hours after leaving the capital. It was backed slowly up to a special platform on a siding at the end of the station platform. An ambulance waited at the foot of the ramp.

The last nail hardly had been hammered into the special stand when the train pulled into sight. A handful of spectators were on hand, mostly newspaper men, and a small crowd had gathered on the Mountain Street viaduct, just over the spot where the governor-general was removed from the train.

Budding Talent In 1st Division Gives Concert

By Edwin Johnson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

ALDERSHOT, Feb. 9—(CP CABle)—Budding talent of the First Canadian Division staged its first amateur broadcast concert from camp tonight.

The program, organized by Captain Mert Plunkett, of "Dumbells" fame, and supervised by Bob Bowman, of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, was put on the air for special benefit of listeners in the United Kingdom. And those who heard them had no doubt they thrilled their listeners.

The folks back home will also have the opportunity of hearing the boys, since a recorded version will be relayed to Canada Monday. (At 9:30 p.m. AST.)

For half an hour more than 900 troops representing every unit alternately sang, whistled, stamped or cheered. They injected extra volume and verve into their efforts, knowing they were on the air for the first time and putting on an act not only for Britons but for their relatives and friends in Canada.

They rocked the big hall with harmony, such old favorites as "Way Down Yonder In The Corn Fields," "Mammy's Little Baby Loves Shortenin' Bread," "Roll Out The Barrel," and the latest Canadian marching song, "We're On Our Way," led by Captain Plunkett who composed it.

A message from the Canadian

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$2,000 Fire Sweeps Barns At Kinkora

Fire of unknown origin raged through two barns at Kinkora yesterday shortly before noon. Both buildings and machinery stored in them were destroyed. Loss was estimated at least $2,000. So far as could be learned last night there was no insurance.

The buildings, in the centre of the Prince County village, were owned by Mr. Ambrose Monaghan although the premises were occupied by Mr. William Smith, it was learned.

The barns were adjoining and when the fire was discovered one was enveloped in flames. A high wind was raging at the time and efforts to stem the spread of the flames with only a bucket brigade as equipment were considered useless.

Efforts of volunteer fire fighters were concentrated on saving the contents of one barn. Six tons of hay and a quantity of machinery stored in the building were saved before fire ended salvage work.

A cow and a pig, only animals in the two buildings, were moved to safety before flames reached them, but a flock of hens were said to have been destroyed.

Machinery stored in the buildings included two motor trucks, one owned by either Mr. Chesley Craig or Mr. J. P. Callaghan and the other by Mr J. W. Farmer, all of this village. An old-model automobile, owned by Rev. Father Keefe of Charlottetown, and farm machinery composed the remainder of the lost equipment.

Other buildings in the village were not endangered yesterday as the wind blew flames away from nearby structures.

Endorses Plan For National Government

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 9 —(CP) — F. M. Blois, president of the Nova Scotia National Conservative Association, in a statement issued today said he endorsed the proposal of Conservative leader R. J. Manion for the formation of a National government "as the first essential to Canada's full participation in this war."

Mr. Blois said in part: "Particularly would I urge that, before any action is taken at National Conservative conventions in Nova Scotia every effort should be made to secure, nominate and endorse as national government candidates the best men available irrespective of their past or present party affiliations."

Railway Station Destroyed At Five Houses

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Canadian National Railway station at Five Houses early last night. When discovered about 7.15 p. m. the blaze was breaking out through the roof and volunteer fire fighters who quickly gathered at the scene of the fire, were unable to do anything to save the doomed building.

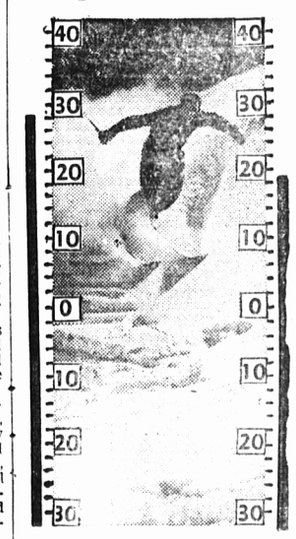
The building was a wooden structure 20x10 which was built ten years ago. There was a stove in the building, which is usually lighted by passengers waiting for the train. It was not known if anyone had waited for the train last night. There is no agent at the station. The Souris train passed at 4.45 p. m.

There was $300 worth of freight in the station at the time of the fire. It was left there by the passing train. $130 worth of it belonged to Mr. C. M. Burge and the remainder to Mr. Justin Larkin. It consisted of a windmill, some potato bags and a quantity of groceries.

The building was valued at $450, making a total loss including the freight of $750.

Efforts of the volunteer fire fighters were successful in saving the warehouse of Mr. C. M. Burge about 150 yards from the burning building.

Thermometer Extremes



Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings are indicated above.

TORONTO, Feb. 9—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	3B 1B
Vancouver	43 48
Calgary	30 47
Regina	3B 37
Winnipeg	Zero 23
Toronto	20 22
Ottawa	4B 11
Montreal	5 10
Quebec	1 10
Saint John	25 28
Halifax	24 32
Charlottetown	19 28

Maritime East: Moderate to fresh winds; fair and cold.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and milder in the western Provinces and cold in southern and eastern Ontario.

High tide today at noon and night at 12 25

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.19 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.08

First quarter moon, Feb. 16, 8.55 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Border, 9.45 A.M., 1.00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11.00 A. M., 3.05 P. M.