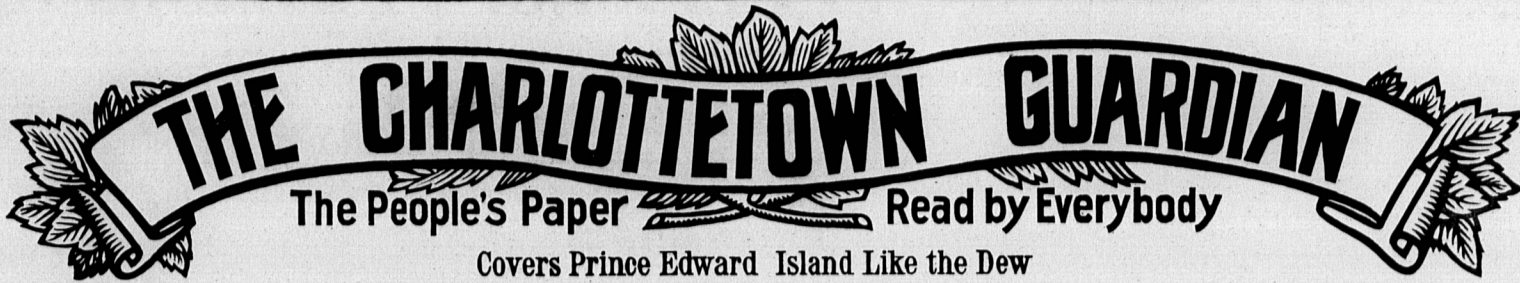


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GERMANS INVADE DENMARK NORWAY - REICH AT WAR

Nazi Troops Reported Moving By Land And Sea

Capture Of Copenhagen Announced In Brief Message Before Censor- ship Clamped Down.

NEW YORK, April 9—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The occupation of Copenhagen by German troops was reported early today in a service message from the Denmark radio picked up here by MacKay Radio. The message announced that service was being closed down, adding:—

“Occupied by German troops.”
This supported advices to the New York Times from its Copenhagen correspondent that the Germans had occupied the city.
(At 1:15 a. m. AST The Associated Press had been unable to get in touch with its Copenhagen bureau since 10:47 p. m. last night.)

CRUISEERS LAND TROOPS

The Times correspondent, Svend Carstensen, also reported that three cruisers had landed troops at Middelfart, Denmark, immediately occupying the adjoining streets.
He also reported “German troops crossed the Danish frontier.”
His messages indicated that he had filed his story just ahead of a suddenly imposed censorship.

TROOPS CROSS FRONTIER

LONDON, April 9—(Tuesday)—(CP)—The Exchange Telegraph News Agency said today that German troops had crossed the Schleswig frontier into Denmark and the Danish garrison at Sonderburg is retreating north.
Three German cruisers have entered Middelfart Harbor, the agency said. Soldiers were reported to have landed and occupied a nearby street in the port city.
At least one heavy gun has been landed, it was said.
Three large ships—probably troop transports—were reported in the little belt, the channel nearest the mainland.
Middelfart lies on the Little Belt, 120 miles west of Copenhagen.

Soldiers, Communists Clash In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia, April 8—(CP Cable)—Clashes at Communist meetings involving members of the armed forces took place over the weekend, according to information available today.
In Sydney soldiers, sailors and airmen “sang down” open air meetings and there was a hostile demonstration by hundreds of people outside a Communist hall.
Since the New South Wales Labor Party at its Easter meeting passed a resolution of sympathy with the Soviet Union there has been insistent public demand for action against Communists.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- *Auction Sale Edgerts' property. Date announced later. L-88-4-9-11
- *Fox Meats—Ground Meat 5c. Horse Meat 3c. Beef Tripe 3 1/2c. Hog Plucks 2 1/2c. Island Cold Storage Company.
- *Concert at Hunter River, Tuesday, April 9th, by Wheatley River Institute. If not fine come Wednesday. L-120-4-8-2
- *Monthly meeting Ladies' Aid of P. E. I. Hospital, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., Cundall Home. L-147-4-9-21.
- *P. W. C. presents "Variety Show of 1940" Hearst Hall, East Royal, Wednesday, April 10th, 8 p. m. Admission 25c—Aid of school. L-140.
- *Annual meeting Women's National Conservative Association, election of officers, will be held in the McLaughlin Building, Thursday, April 11, at 8 o'clock. L-139.
- *The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Stanley Bridge Dairy Co. will be held in the Masonic Hall, Stanley, April 10th, 1940. Cheese vs. Butter main topic for discussion. A interested please attend. H. S. MacEwen, Secretary. L-131-4-11-1.

Two Liberals Nominated In Three Rivers

THREE RIVERS, Que., April 8—(CP)—Wilfrid Gariepy and Robert Ryan, both offering themselves as Liberals, were nominated officially today as candidates in the deferred federal election in Three Rivers, to be held April 22.
The official Liberal organization did not hold any meeting to choose a standard-bearer and did not designate either of the two candidates as official representatives.
Ballotting in Three Rivers was deferred after the death of Willie Poisson, the official Liberal candidate, on March 25, the day before the general election.
Gariepy was elected to the last Parliament as an independent Liberal. Ryan is financial director of Three Rivers and a former alderman of this city.
Leon Methot, who had been nominated for the March 26 election as a National Government candidate, did not renew his candidature. H. A. Poisson had been nominated for that election as an independent Liberal but he withdrew before the voting was deferred.

Angry Comment By Italian Press

ROME, April 8—(CP HAVAS)—The Allied blockade in Norwegian waters drew an angry comment from the Italian press tonight.
Under such headlines as “The Allies Violate Norwegian Neutrality” and “The Blockade Against Germany And The Neutrals Is Intensified,” fascist newspapers charged the Allied moves were violations of international law at the expense of small countries. The newspapers warned that serious repercussions would occur in Scandinavia, particularly Norway.

Our New Governor General



The Earl of Athlone who succeeds the late Lord Tweedsmuir as Governor General. The Earl is a brother of Queen Mary and a son of the late Duke and Duchess of Teck.

BARGES LADEN WITH DYNAMITE ARE STOPPED

Nazis Claim Explosive Was To Block Water- way To Reich.

BUCHAREST, April 8—(AP)—Detention of a fleet of dynamite-laden barges, chartered by Germans with being designed to blow up a narrow Danube gateway and block a German supply line, today brought war repercussions closer to southeastern Europe.
Rumanian police, acting on a tip said to have been supplied by pro-Nazi Iron Guard, halted the fleet near Giurgiu, Danube river port whence German ships much needed Rumanian oil supplies.
Germans alleged the British planned to blockade the spot in the Danube known as the Iron Gate by sinking the barges and wrecking the narrow channel where the river cuts through a Carpathian barrier between high cliffs. The Iron Gate is 280 miles up river from Giurgiu.
Official British quarters, acknowledging the barges were loaded with explosives, insisted they were to be used only for destroying allied river craft in case of a German invasion of Rumania.
The only official British statement on the matter was a statement saying that Rumanian authorities had seized two cases of firearms which a British barge captain had refused to declare in passing customs.

200 Lost As Unidentified Ship Sinks

LONDON, April 8—(CP)—A Reuters news agency dispatch from Oslo tonight said possibly 200 men were lost from an unidentified ship which sank after a violent explosion about noon today off Lillesand on Norway's southern coast.
The agency said 88 men were saved.
Rescue craft hurrying to the scene after the explosion found scores of men fighting for their lives in the sea which was covered with blazing oil, the dispatch added. The ship had vanished.

3*They Make Delicious Tea "SALADA" TEA BAGS

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No bombs were reported dropped on the Islands. Residents said the Germans must have flown at a tremendous height.”

NAZI MYSTERY TROOPSHIP IS SUNK

ARENDAL, Norway, April 8—(AP)—The sinking of the mysterious German transport Rio De Janeiro off Norway's coast today with the loss of 300 of the 500 Nazi army men aboard gave rise tonight to speculation whether the largest sea battle of the war was in the making.
Naval observers wondered whether there would be a great clash between the British blockaders and a large German fleet moving toward the Skagerrak, narrow arm of the North Sea between Norway and Denmark.
Such speculation was heightened by the confusion of reports of naval action, most of which were not borne out.
No confirmation could be obtained of reports received at Lillesand, down the coast from here, that two German submarines had attacked an armed British vessel off the coast and that one submarine and the British ship had been sent to the bottom.
Nor was there confirmation of the report that two German submarines had been sunk.
Sounds of heavy firing out at sea were reported by residents along the shore of the Skagerrak during the day.

Women's Votes Bill Before Quebec House

QUEBEC, April 8—(CP)—A bill to grant women the vote in Provincial elections headed the week's legislative assembly prepared to meet tomorrow to continue the 21st Legislature's first session.
There was no definite indication what day the measure might be introduced in the Lower House, but it was expected generally that Premier Godbout himself would sponsor the bill.
An important plank of the Liberal platform for last fall's Provincial General Election, in which Mr. Godbout's followers were returned to power after three years of Union National rule, the women's suffrage bill has aroused

NO WINTER OYSTER

COLCHESTER, England—(CP)—The famous Colchester oyster is likely to be very scarce this year, winter frosts have killed off nearly half the crop in local fisheries.

German Warplanes Scapa Flow Naval Base

LONDON, April 9—(Tuesday)—(CP)—German warplanes dropped incendiary and high explosive bombs in their third raid within a month last night on Britain's Scapa Flow naval base, the air ministry announced early today. At least two German planes were shot down and a third was believed brought down before the attack ended.
The raid, which came while the allies stood fast in their defiant mine-laying in Norwegian territorial waters despite Norwegian protests, resulted in no damage to shipping, the air ministry said.
A civilian was buried under the debris caused by a high explosive bomb but suffered no injury beyond shock, the air ministry statement said.
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Says British Have Speedy Minelayers

NEW YORK, April 8—(CP)—Development of speedy mine-sower by which allied war vessels can plant a mine every five seconds made possible the laying this morning of three extensive mine fields off Norway's coast in an hour, Major Neville Hopkins, civil research engineer, said here today.
Major Hopkins did not disclose how he learned of the new mine-sower, saying only: “I have reason to be informed of the British invention.”
He said in an interview that British experts have developed a mine-sower based upon a high-speed conveyor belt adapted to a rolling boat, which enables a single minelayer to sow 720 mines an hour. He said a fleet of three mine-layers could in 30 minutes plant a mine field sufficient to bottle up a large harbor.

First Of Sealers Returns To Port

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 8—(CP CABLE)—First of the Newfoundland sealing fleet to return from the ice fields, the steamship Neptune reached port today with 11,500 pelts in her hold.
Captain J. D. Domesy reported an uneventful trip. Ice was heavier than usual this year, he said.
The Neptune had one of the smaller catches of the seven ships in the fleet. Several days ago, the ship had taken aboard 26,000 while the Ungava had 24,000 and another 13,000 skins on the ice awaiting loading.
The Beothic, the Eagle and the Ranger all topped the Neptune's total, only the Terra Nova having fewer. Indication were the total catch would reach around 150,000 pelts.

Wartime Program For Rifle Ranges

OTTAWA, April 8—(CP)—An extended program adapted to wartime needs is in preparation for rifle ranges this year, it was learned today. It will embrace courses of training for both mobilized and non-mobilized troops from all parts of the dominion.
The small arms training school will be commanded by Col. C. B. Topp, officer-commanding the Ottawa area. The school will furnish instruction in handling of the Bren gun, anti-tank rifles, trench mortars and other weapons as well as training in gas and chemical warfare generally.

Norway Alarmed By Reports Of Naval Activity

Communications Cut After Re- ports Of Sea - Air Battle At Oslo — Details Not Available.

BULLETINS

NEW YORK, April 9—(Tuesday)—(CP-Reuters News Agency said today that according to reports over the Norwegian radio German troops landed on the south coast of Norway. The landing point was not immediately determined.

LONDON, April 9 (Tuesday)—(CP)—The Exchange Telegraph Agency reported today that an air raid alarm was sounded at 2 p. m. (9 p. m. Monday, AST, in Oslo, the Norwegian Capital, and that no all clear signal had been given three hours later.
(A previous dispatch from Stockholm said that a one-hour alarm at Oslo had ended at 1:30 a. m., Oslo time.)

NEW YORK, April 9—(Tuesday)—(CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation early today declared that reports of a state of war between Norway and Germany “are so far unconfirmed, and must be treated with reserve.”

The B. B. C. made that comment in a broadcast picked up here by Columbia Broadcasting System, after pointing out that Mrs. J. Borden Harriman had reported to the United States State Department that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had informed her that his country is at war with Germany.

WASHINGTON, April 8—(AP)—Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, United States Minister to Norway, notified the State Department tonight that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had informed her that Norway is at war with Germany.

The State Department issued the following statement:—
“The American Minister to Oslo, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, telegraphed to the Department of State tonight that the Foreign Minister has informed her that the Norwegians fired on four German warships coming up Oslo Fjord and that Norway is at war with Germany.”

“In response to a request by the British Minister to Norway, the American Legation at Oslo has been authorized to take over British interests in Norway in case he is obliged to evacuate.”

The Norwegian Minister to the United States, Wilhelm de Morgenstjerne, was in conversation with the State Department shortly before midnight.
The Department, where a night watch has been maintained constantly since the outbreak of the war, stirred quickly to activity. Officials there hurried to their offices.

Across the street, lights burned in the White House executive offices although President Roosevelt was at his Hyde Park home.

STOCKHOLM, April 9—(Tuesday)—(AP)—High authoritative quarters early today confirmed reports that four foreign warships had attempted to force an entrance into Oslo Fjord, water gateway to the Norwegian capital.
The invaders were reported repulsed by shore batteries.

These quarters said that one of the attacking ships was a heavy cruiser.
The attack took place about 12:30 a. m. (7:30 p. m. Monday, AST), and was over within a short time.
The engagement was marked by heavy bursts of cannon fire.
Thereafter the invaders were said to have retired into the darkness.

ACCOMPANIED BY AIR ATTACK?

Some informants said the warship attack was accompanied by an air battle above the darkened gorge between Norwegian fighting craft and unidentified foreign warplanes.
Details of the air battle were not at once known but apparently the invading planes were driven off by the Norwegians.
Reports of the engagement could not be confirmed at once in official quarters.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT

Difficulties in obtaining details of the fighting were heightened by the fact that Norway snapped telephone communication with the rest of the world except for “state calls.”

Persons who tried to place long distance calls to the Norwegian capital were told that only these official calls would be handled.

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NEW MOVE ENDS NAZIS' 'COVERED WAY'

Norwegians Protest Planting Of Allied Minefields In Terri- torial Waters.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, April 8—(CP Cable)—Britain will not relax her naval control of Norway's territorial waters despite vigorous protests from Norway and ominous reports of Nazi fleet troop concentrations.

Norway will be told, it was reported tonight by sources close to the British government, that the three minefields laid in the early morning to block Germany's use of sheltered coastal waters will not be lifted.

Similarly, allied naval vessels standing guard over the minefields will remain there.
(A British broadcasting corporation announcement heard by Columbia Broadcasting System in New York stated that the allies, as a result of the mine laying, have trapped seven German ships in the port of Narvik and another eight ships somewhere along the Norwegian coast.)

Norway has been told, it was also reported tonight that Britain and France will defend Norwegian territory if Hitler orders German forces across the Baltic. A similar pledge has been given Sweden.

London considers it extremely unlikely, however, that Germany will provide the allies with a second front by invading Scandinavia. The whole policy of Hitler and foreign minister Ribbentrop since war started has been to sit tight behind the west wall and protect all flanks by systematic intimidation of neutrals.

Since the outbreak of war, Norway has permitted Germany to gain an unfair advantage through use of a “covered way” by Nazi ships while apparently turning a blind eye to the fact

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NOW A DAYS, A BIRD IN THE HAND IS CONSIDERED BAD MANNERS



TORONTO, April 8—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	20	45
Vancouver	42	56
Edmonton	20	26
Regina	22	33
Winnipeg	20	34
Toronto	36	57
Ottawa	30	33
Montreal	32	40
Quebec	25	37
Saint John	29	44
Halifax	31	49
Charlottetown	29	42

FORECAST

Maritime East: Southeasterly winds increasing to strong, cloudy and mild, followed by rain.

Synopsis: The weather has been mild in Ontario with rain occurring in many districts, and moderately cold in the Prairie Provinces, with light snow in Alberta.

High tide this morning at 1:41 and at midnight.
Sun sets this evening at 6:37 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:25.
First quarter moon, April 15, 9:46 p.m.
Summerside tide 18 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.