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Shakeup Made In British War Cabinet

Warns Enemy Attacks Can Be Expected Cripps Assumes Important Post

Local Board Of Trade Discusses Fertilizers

Advocates having potatoes included under Federal plan; Other questions discussed.

The possibility of establishing plants for dehydrating potatoes, vegetables and eggs in this province; the requesting of a bonus on fertilizer for potato growing, and the matter of relieving freight congestion between the Island and the mainland, were among the matters dealt with by the Charlottetown Board of Trade at a Council meeting held in The Charlottetown last night. Pertinent resolutions were drafted to be sent to the Dominion authorities in connection with all three items.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. R. E. Mutch stated that he had been told there was a possibility of the present federal air service between here and the mainland being transferred to another company. At present the service is being carried on by Maritime Central Airways. The company named as possible successors was Canadian Air Transport Limited, in charge of Pilot H. S. Jones, Mr. Mutch added.

Reference was also made to the recently inaugurated pulman service to the mainland but no action was taken in this direction. Some of the freight cars, which were in view of the freight congestion, the service might well be cancelled as the pullman takes the place of two freight cars. Others pointed out, however, that the poor passenger accommodation on the ferry at present is relieved somewhat by this car and it would be inadvisable to have it removed. The Newfoundland freight service from this province was also briefly referred to. The Maritime Transportation Commission is anxious to speed up this service, Mr. Mutch said. However, the Board did not make any decision in this regard.

Re Car Ferry Service

When the meeting opened the matter of the car ferry service between Borden and Tormentine was discussed.

Meighen gives Views at Caucus

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—(CP)—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative Party leader who Feb. 9 was defeated in a York South by-election, today gave his views on Conservative members of the House of Commons that he felt he should not be asked to resign another Commons seat.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word
- *Buying pigs on Charlottetown Market Square Friday, Knud Jorgensen, L-380-2-19-21.
- *Leading Hogs every Monday (all day) at Souris, George Dingwall, L-301-12-31-1-2-Thu-Fri-Sat.
- *Leading hogs at Colville until P. M. Friday, February 20th, Leslie MacDowell, L-289-2-19-21.
- *P. E. I. Hospital Cake Sale at Moore and MacLeod's Saturday, February 21st, by Ladies of St. James Church, L-405-2-20-21.
- *Buying little pigs every day 28 lbs. \$7.00, G. C. Green, L-545-1-20-Tue-Fri-Sat.
- *Social and concert in New Glasgow, Friday, Feb. 20, Ladies with pie sale if not fine following night, Curtin Sharp, L-344-2-17-21.
- *Will be leading Hogs Tuesday, February 24th, all day at Ugg Station, Prompt returns at top market prices, Signed A. B. MacDowell, L-395-2-20-31.
- *We require a quantity of well-bred beef cattle, steers and heifers to dress, 600 lbs. or over Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd., L-746-1-24-tf.
- *Will be leading Hogs Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Vernon, Leo Fraught, L-413-2-20-31.

Stimson says U. S. not to Scatter Forces

Country Is Missing Armed Strength For Earliest Possible Offensives.

(By RICHARD L. TURNER, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—War Secretary Stimson said today the United States is missing its forces for the earliest possible offensive and would not disperse its strength to combat such coastal raids as the German attack on Aruba, the Netherlands oil island. Forays of that character, the Secretary told newspapermen, were to be expected "all along our coasts" and at "other places." He said that "thoughtless persons" that the country's forces be scattered to meet them were foreseen, he said, "yielding to that pressure would be the surest way... to lose the war."

While the cabinet member was assuring the people that the United States would seize every opportunity for counter attack and the offense, and every opportunity for surprise, President Roosevelt was deep in discussion of an essential preparation for such strategy—the

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N. S. Legislature Opens on Sombre Note

HALIFAX, Feb. 19.—(CP)—The trials and tribulations of the Legislature opened on a sombre note, set by references to the present war situation in the Speech from the Throne and by Alex. H. MacKinnon (Lib. Inverness), who moved the address in reply to the speech.

Read by Lieut.-Governor P. F. Mathers, the Speech from the Throne said that while the province must be thankful that "our cities, towns and country" have escaped invasion, "we must nevertheless prepare for eventualities and, with this in view, our air raid precautions organization is being perfected and strengthened."

Soviets push Further into White Russia

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Red army pushed more forces into White Russia today and thereby advanced a northern pincer farther behind strategic Smolensk, where one of the strongest German armies in Russia is finding itself increasingly threatened with encirclement.

Destroyer Gurka lost

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(CP)—The Admiralty tonight announced the sinking of the destroyer Gurka. The announcement contained no details of the sinking but said next day the 24th anniversary of the loss of the ship had been observed.

Attack On Darwin Does Not Excite Australians

Port raided twice by Japanese; Surprise expressed at number of Enemy Planes engaged.

BY J. E. HOLDSWORTH (Canadian Press Correspondent)
SYDNEY, Feb. 19.—(CP)—Australians, steeled against the possibility of enemy attack and geared for total war, tonight received calmly the news that Port Darwin, Northern Australia, had been raided twice in force by more than 100 Japanese planes.

There were indications that considerable damage was done—some to service installations—and there were casualties.

But what shocked Australians most in this first attack on the mainland proper was the air strength Japan was able to muster.

In the first attack early today 73 bombers, screened by many fighters, came over Port Darwin. The attack lasted an hour.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Japanese air attacks on Port Darwin look like an attempt to isolate Java and at stirring popular clamor in Australia against further weakening of home defence forces.

The scope of the bombing raids is significant. Port Darwin is an essential advance operating base for Allies in the Netherlands, a Pacific supply line pivot. In no other case except the Pearl Harbor, Singapore and Manila surprise attacks has such an enemy air fleet been concentrated as at Port Darwin.

More than 70-fighter-escorted bombers made up the first wave. Four of 21 ships in the second wave were downed. Whether any first-wave craft also were knocked out has not been stated.

That gives an impression of a successful surprise attack. Lacking word as to damage wrought, its effectiveness cannot be gauged. If the port was crowded with Allied combat and troop and supply ships, it could prove a heavy blow.

The nearest Japanese-held land bases for the big bomber flight over Port Darwin are 600 miles and more away, about their distance limit. The fighter escorts must have been picked up at sea from carriers, only a dozen or two planes have been counted by Allied observers. Once or twice from 30 to 40 have been noted. That does not apply, of course, to covering operations for land battles in Malaya and Luzon.

Those small raiding groups mean just this: Japan's air power is strained heavily to meet all the requirements of the vast and distant battle front she has created.

There are no authentic figures on her plane casualties thus far in the war but they have been heavy. Japanese plane production capacity is estimated by some authorities at not more than 500 a month in all types. The active fronts in the Indies and in Burma are many days from Japan by steamship. Filling the casualty gaps must be an increasingly difficult task.

British Troops Drive Japs Back In Counter-attack

Enemy driven from west bank of shallow Bilin River in Burma

By Daniel De Luce, Associated Press Staff Writer

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 19.—(AP)—British troops, counter-attacking from the west bank of the shallow Bilin River, drove a new Japanese assault force back into the stream today in the heaviest fighting.

Both sides heavily with lives—the invaders in trying to consolidate a bridge-head across the stream; the British forces in fighting in desperate hand-to-hand combat in these distant approaches to Rangoon.

Some Japanese shock troops yesterday had crossed the Bilin in small boats and fought their way up the west bank in hand-to-hand combat. The position of these troops tonight was not explained.

Many of the boats were known to have been broken up in mid-stream by British machine-gun bullets and seared by machine-gun fire or seared by machine-gun bullets and seared by machine-gun fire.

East of the Bilin the main Japanese force was assailed by Royal Air Force bombers, protected by British and American fighters.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)
FEB. 20, 1917—Italian troops occupied Konizla near the Albanian border in western Thrace, Greek troops withdrawing to Ioannina, further south.

Hearings Re Hong Kong Troops To Begin Feb. 25

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—(CP)—Hearings of the Royal Commission inquiring into the sending of Canadian troops to Hong Kong will begin Feb. 25 at Ottawa, it was announced today.

The hearings will be closed to the press and public.

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Inland Java City bombed

BATAVIA, Java, Feb. 20.—(Friday)—(AP)—Bandung, inland Java city which is the headquarters of the Netherlands East Indies army, was attacked yesterday by 12 enemy bombers and 20 fighters. Some damage was inflicted.

Netherlands fighters got into the air promptly and one Japanese bomber was believed shot down. One Netherlands fighter was lost and the pilot killed; another was shot down but saved himself by parachute.

It was learned meanwhile, the Aneta news agency said, that eight Japanese bombers and one fighter were shot down in Wednesday's attack on the Surabaya naval base, with the loss of one allied plane.

Ch'town, S'side Make strides In Victory Loan

A total of \$472,550 was subscribed to Canada's second Victory Loan yesterday by citizens of Charlottetown and Summerside. It was revealed in figures released from Provincial Loan Headquarters last night. No figures have yet been released for King's County and the remainder of Queen's and Prince.

Charlottetown's total for the four days completed in the campaign is \$312,000 and Summerside's \$160,550. The former increased by \$69,300 yesterday and the latter by \$80,000.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—(CP)—Receipt of five large subscriptions totaling \$57,000 was made public tonight by national headquarters of Canada's \$600,000,000 second Victory Loan.

But there was no new cumulative total to give an indication of bond sales today—fourth day of the three week campaign.

The morning it was announced sales to the close of business Wednesday night totaled \$124,576,250. A new total will be made public tomorrow after telegraphed returns are received from provincial headquarters through the night.

Heading the list of large subscriptions in tonight's official headquarters statement was an order from Consolidated Industries, Ltd., West Kootenay Power Co., for \$3,000,000 worth of bonds.

The other subscriptions were those of Canadian Cottons Ltd., \$1,000,000; Royal Trust Co., \$1,000,000; Pacific Mills Ltd., Ocean Falls, B.C., \$800,000; and Kootenai and Co., Vancouver, \$200,000.

"Reports are beginning to reach here in some volume," loan officials all over Canada, investing their sinking funds in victory bonds in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to as high as \$40,000.

Observe Birthday Of Canada's Beaver Club

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(CP Cable)—The Duke and Duchess of Kent tonight attended the Beaver Club's second birthday party after inspecting the club and mixing with hundreds of members of the Canadian forces in London on leave.

The party, in observance of the second anniversary of the club's founding, was held in the long lounge where airmen, seamen, troops and voluntary women workers assembled.

The Duchess cut a great four-layer cake and blew out its two candles.

The Duke recalled his "unforgettable" experience—his visit to Canada—and added: "My wife asks me to say she was very envious."

Two Ships Rocked By Heavy Explosions

Believe Enemy Submarines active off Port of Spain, Trinidad.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 19.—(CP Cable)—The United States army headquarters here today announced that two explosions "presumably caused by a submarine" rocked two vessels anchored off the harbor here at 11:40 p. m. last night. The announcement said both vessels were still afloat and there were no casualties.

The explosions sent a huge sheet of flame into the sky, signaling the second of two attacks against the western hemisphere. United States and British forces stationed here started an immediate search for the attackers, but the U. S. army cornucopium said the submarine had "not yet been located."

The entire city of Port of Spain was backed out by officials by cutting off the electric power supply. A few of the men aboard the two ships were taken to hospital, treated for shock and discharged later. None were seriously injured.

Cripps Assumes Important Post

Becomes Lord Privy Seal and House Leader; Beaverbrook to go to United States

(By D. E. Burrill, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Feb. 20.—(Friday)—Prime Minister Churchill early today announced a reorganization of his war cabinet, the appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps as Lord Privy Seal and House of Commons leader and the replacement of Lord Beaverbrook by Oliver Lyttleton as Minister of State in charge of production. Lord Beaverbrook will go to the United States.

The changes, involving a reduction from nine to seven in the personnel of the war cabinet, were believed a prelude to realignment of the main cabinet as demanded by powerful parliamentary critics.

The two ministers dropped from the war cabinet were Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Arthur Greenwood, minister without portfolio.

Clement Attlee, who has been Mr. Churchill's deputy in the House of Commons, becomes Dominions Secretary, succeeding Viscount Cranborne.

Lord Beaverbrook declined to join the war cabinet on account of the state of his health, the announcement said. He will work in the United States to co-ordinate pooling of the United Nations resources in the war effort.

Motorists better Get out their Walking shoes

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—(CP)—The day when every non-essential automobile or truck in Canada will be taken out of service for the duration of the war was foreseen here today by A. W. Williamson, Controller of Supplies in the Department of Munitions and Supply.

Speaking before the Canadian Hardware Dealers Association, Mr. Williamson said the ordinary car user would have to lay up his car for the duration, when the tires he uses now wear out. Non-essential bus services must be discontinued and long-distance trucking eliminated where rail movement is possible "because the railroad does not use rubber."

"Driving for pleasure is wasted rubber," he said. "Non-essential bus services, where other transportation is available, must be discontinued even if inconvenient."

The rubber shortage "is so serious that our ability to fight an all-out war is imperilled," and a class of "essential users for which retreading may be done was in the course of preparation.

A campaign "to collect every available piece of rubber in Canada was being prepared, and this collection of scrap rubber and a synthetic rubber program were undertaken as part of a joint program with the United States."

"There is no prospect of relief to the public until after the war and the utmost care must be taken to conserve the supplies we now have..."

Islander is Survivor in Corvette sinking

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—(CP)—Loss through enemy action of the Canadian corvette Spikenard and 57 of her personnel, announced today by Navy Minister, Macdonald, brought to 522 the Royal Canadian Navy's honor list of men dead or missing in the service since the outbreak of this war.

The Spikenard's casualty list exceeded the loss of five officers and 32 ratings. Eight men four of them injured, were rescued by a Royal Navy corvette.

(Reginald MacMillan, stoker 1st class of Mt. Stewart, P.E.I., was one of eight survivors. He was not even listed among the injured. His next of kin was given as Mrs. Joseph MacMillan, R.R. 2, Mt. Stewart, P.E.I.)

Darwin raided For third time

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 19.—(Friday)—(CP)—Darwin was raided for the third time this morning by Japanese planes, it was announced today. It was estimated that 15 persons were killed and 24 injured in yesterday's attack.

No details have been received yet of the latest smash.

Pilots Hope U-Boat Sunk In Quick Raid

ST. NICHOLAS, Aruba, N.V.I., Feb. 19.—(AP)—United States bombers, aloft on patrol when an enemy submarine sent shells crashing into the Matamoros oil refinery area here in a new attack at dawn today, dropped a load of heavy explosives so quickly as to make the pilots hopeful that the U-boat was damaged.

No damage or casualties were reported on this island at noon, hours after the attack.

RETURNED HIS SHILLINGS HENDON, England.—(CP)—A conscientious objector who returned his call-up papers and his four shillings advance pay was arrested and remained to await a military tribunal.



METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
Toronto, Feb. 19.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	53	8
Victoria	29	43
Edmonton	18	28
Regina	12	7
Winnipeg	8	13
Toronto	8	13
Ottawa	11	19
Montreal	22	33
Boston		

Synopsis: The weather has become colder in Ontario with light snowfalls or flurries, while in the west it has been mostly fair with moderating temperatures.

High tide this afternoon at 2:16 and tomorrow morning at 2:29. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:34 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:54.

First quarter moon Feb. 22, 10:40 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE
Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.