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FALL OF KRIVOI ROG IS IMMINENT

Nips May Be Forced To Risk Fleet In Battle

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The swift trend of war in the Pacific threatens to force Japan into a retreat from the critical front of the home islands.

Nothing what has happened in the Pacific in the last few weeks in the eastern fringe of the Japanese empire, has suggested that the course of the United States offensive is veering to the west from the northward.

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Fighting Less Severe Around Anzio Beachhead

By RICHARD G. MASSCO, NAPLES, Feb. 21.—(AP)—British and United States troops on the Anzio beachhead in Italy have carried out a series of operations today after having blocked a potential knockout punch by the German army in the area.

The German-controlled Rome radio reported that "powerful American attacks were beaten off in the Anzio beachhead" today and claimed that both Anzio and Nettuno, the two ports upon which the Allies are dependent for the bulk of their supplies and reinforcements, had been on fire since last night.

The Allied command, in perhaps its most optimistic report since it landed at Anzio a month ago, highly praised not only the 5th Army infantry and tank units that have been fighting in the area, but also commended the "magnificent support" given by Allied warship planes and every desperate means to drive their troops to the beach.

The Allies were taking to their boats and trying to escape. But not even this artificial stimulus could save the German divisions from their counter-attack that day.

In his shattered attempt to wipe out the landing, the German threw three divisions of infantry, tanks, motorized troops and parachute troops at the centre of the Allied defence.

Little news was received from the Cassino front, where the fighting had slackened appreciably for several days. The American troops were reported holding fast to their positions inside Cassino itself.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the 8th Army's front near the Adriatic. It was disclosed that a division for the 8th Army has been moved secretly across Italy to join the 5th Army near Cassino.

Lonergan To Go On Trial Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(CP)—Wm. Lonergan was ordered today to go to trial Wednesday on a charge of murdering his mistress, Mrs. Jacob Grumet, in a Manhattan apartment house.

The assistant district attorney, John J. Freschi, told Lonergan today that he would conduct the rest of the trial in chambers and he and the lawyers went into his private room.

COMING EVENTS

- *Horse racing New Glasgow Wednesday, Feb. 23. 2-22-11.
- *Leading dogs at Bradbants Tuesday the 22nd. Alex McDonald. 2-21-11.
- *Darlington Leap Year Dance postponed until Tuesday, Feb. 22. 2-21-11.
- *The Tyrone Dairy feed warehouse at Albany will be open on Wednesday afternoon instead of Tuesday this week. 2-21-11.
- *Horse closed Monday and Tuesday Feb. 20 and 21 for stock taking. McLaughlin and Boyle. 2-16-41.
- *Horse race at New Glasgow for the 22nd. L. Robbins, Secretary. 2-19-31.
- *Leading Hogs every Thursday by Davis & Fraser Ltd. Keith McDonald, Manager. Norman MacKenzie, Cashier. 2-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31.
- *Leading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Tuesday every Thursday 2nd until train time. Signed Frank McNeilly, Tracardi. 2-21-21.
- *Leading Hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Ken-Edwards, Manager. Bulman & Campbell, Hunter River, Friday till noon. H. S. MacEwen. 2-21-21.

Another Jap Convoy Smashed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 22.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Allied aircraft have smashed another Japanese convoy off the Bismarck Islands.

The Japanese, the Philippines and other island strongholds seized in the first unopposed surge of the enemy in early 1942. It would mean the loss to Japan (and gain for the Allies) of raw materials from the rubber plantations, oil wells and mines of the rich islands.

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Russian Bombers Raid Finnish Port

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Russian bombers tonight raided Uleaborg (Oulu), Finnish port on the Gulf of Bothnia, the Finnish news agency reported. The port is 335 miles north of Helsinki and 75 miles from the Swedish border.

Heavy Raids On Germany Continue

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A force of United States heavy bombers and fighters, nearly equalling the 2,000-plane armada sent out Sunday, crashed two aircraft factories at Brunswick and bombed at least six major airbases and other targets in Germany today in speedy furtherance of the campaign to destroy the German air force.

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\$15,000 Fire Loss At Grand Falls, N.B.

GRAND FALLS, N.B., Feb. 21.—(CP)—Loss estimated at approximately \$15,000 occurred here yesterday afternoon when fire destroyed a potato storage building owned by Charles Paradis.

The loss included about 2,000 barrels of potatoes, mostly certified seed stock, and valuable farm machinery.

N. Y. Times Tries Nine Columns To Page

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The New York Times today published its classified advertisements in nine columns to a page instead of eight in an effort to accommodate more advertisers without increasing its use of newspaper paper.

Since rates are based on a count of five words to a line, classified ads are being run in narrower columns to most increase costs to most advertisers. This change was hardly noticeable to the average reader.

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War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Resounding new Russian and Anglo-American blows at both ends of the German-Japanese war are setting a brilliant stage for Prime Minister Churchill's scheduled war review to parliament.

Never has he had the opportunity to recite such an array of military accomplishments, bolstering his sturdy confidence in ultimate and utter victory. In his most optimistic moments last November when Mr. Churchill predicted the crisis in Europe would come this year, he could not have foreseen a situation so glowing with war shortening possibilities in both east and west as it is today.

In Russia, in Italy and in the Atlantic-north sea theatre, events are rushing forward to that crisis for Germany at a pace that defies conjecture.

In the Pacific Japan's defensive front has been critically dented and a weakness has been disclosed which gives hopes of a far faster paced advance westward than seemed possible only days ago.

The air-sea pulverizing of Truk, main enemy bastion in the Central Pacific, at relatively insignificant American cost in planes, ships or men, touched off a Tokyo-army-navy high command shake up, the significance of which is yet to be revealed.

It seems probable that some change in Japanese strategy in the Pacific underlies the shift in chief army and navy commands—even a possible decision to risk the fleet.

Tokyo's war lords can have no doubt that every week that slips by without decisive naval action in the Pacific means increased American air and sea power in that theatre.

Regardless of Tokyo decisions, the blasting of Truk into virtual ash and sea power in the Pacific means altered the whole war aspect in the south-Central Pacific. That once powerful barrier to the west and Japanese home waters can be almost ignored for the present at least in American attack planning.

Canadian Officers To Get Battle Training In Pacific

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—(CP)—Defence headquarters, preparing for possible Canadian army participation against the Japanese in the Pacific, are arranging with the Australian high command to give Canadian Officers and possibly some non-commissioned Officers and specialists battle experience in that theatre.

While it is not known whether the plan calls for groups of men attached themselves to the Australian corps as volunteers—similar to arrangements already made with the British army—or whether groups will be seconded for duty as was done in the case of the Canadians who went to North Africa early last year.

After he told the Commons of a plan under which Canadian officers would be sent to the Pacific for service, Defence Minister Ralston was asked if similar provision could be made to give Canadians Pacific war experience. The Minister replied that "there are some arrangements being made for the purpose of obtaining information from official sources that is being obtained in military circles. It is being a definite plan has been formulated and its details will be announced shortly."

London Has Alert

LONDON, Feb. 22.—(Tuesday)—(CP)—An air raid alert was sounded in London at 3 a.m. today (10 p.m. E. D. T.—11 p.m. A. D. T., Monday).

Baruch Post-War Plan Accepted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Roosevelt Administration accepted almost intact today the plan of Bernard M. Baruch for a post-war "adventure in prosperity" and chose Will L. Clayton and Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines for key jobs in the mobilization task.

Clayton, who used to run a huge cotton export business at Houston, Tex., resigns as assistant secretary of commerce to take over the assignment of disposing of billions of dollars of surplus property in the United States.

Hines will continue to administer veterans affairs as he has for a score of years and, in addition, will direct "retraining and re-employment" of the men and women as they leave the armed services and war industries.

Gen. Hines, former Labor Expert and Regional Director of the Manpower Commission for New York State, has been invited to become one of Hines' assistants.

Says Finns Hear Russian Demands

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The newspaper Dagens Nyheter said today in an edition tonight that the first of the life-saving drug plans to leave for Helsinki soon.

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See Hint That Dominion Election May Be Called

By FRANK FLAHERTY

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—(CP)—After one of the sharpest debates so far this session, the Commons today decided to hold no sitting on Wednesday from now on and devote that day to committee work, allowing cabinet ministers to hold prolonged meetings.

After the debate some opposition members, referring to Prime Minister Mackenzie King's previous speeches on the question of a general election some saw in Mr. King's remarks today a hint of a dissolution of parliament.

Replying to opposition criticism of his motion to do away with Wednesday sittings, the Prime Minister said cabinet ministers were entitled to say to the opposition that they needed an extra afternoon "to confer on the great questions that are coming to us from day to day."

"If we cannot get that co-operation, then we shall have to consider what our responsibility is," he added.

In connection with that statement, members recalled that in a speech last September Mr. King said the government would carry on without a general election unless it encountered obstruction in the House of Commons or elsewhere.

At the opening of the present session he made a similar statement and said further that he did not want to see an election before the end of the war.

"I must say that what has taken place this afternoon has not made me believe any more strongly than I did hitherto in the co-operation we can expect from honorable gentlemen opposite."

Mr. King said he would carry on with the debate that has taken place today's Hansard and read the debate that has taken place today's Hansard and read the debate that has taken place today's Hansard and read the debate that has taken place today's Hansard.

Cabinet Considers Important Question

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The Prime Minister did not specify what the question was. He said the cabinet's decision was not reached today.

Mr. King was stressing the need for one day of the week on which the cabinet would meet without having to break up to attend a House sitting.

Two Planes Missing From N. S. Stations

HALIFAX, Feb. 21.—(CP)—Two R. C. A. F. bombers were missing in widely separated areas of the east coast today, and air force planes were conducting an extensive search for them over sea and land.

The four-engine Liberator, which disappeared last Friday with six men aboard, was believed to have been forced down in the Atlantic Ocean. The other missing craft, a twin-engine R. C. A. F. station at Deerport, N. S., failed to return last night from a night exercise flight.

An Ottawa dispatch said that aboard the Liberator included P.O. David Griffin, R. C. A. F. Public Relations officer, and former Toronto newspaperman. His next of kin and those of the others aboard the big plane have been notified, but the names of the other five have not yet been made public.

Ontario House To Open Today

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—(CP)—The political wheels began to spin at Queen's Park today in preparation for the opening of Ontario's 21st Legislature in which Premier Drew's minority Progressive Conservative government will meet its first legislative session.

Tomorrow shortly before three p.m. E. D. T. (four p.m. A. D. T.), Lieutenant Governor Albert B. James will arrive at the Parliament Buildings where he will inspect a guard of honor from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Prussian king, says the German newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter.

Big Rubber Plant At Sarnia In Full Swing

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Red Winter Drive Still In Full Swing

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Russian Ukraine troops today crashed into the outskirts of Krivoi Rog less than four miles from the heart of that iron ore city in the Dnieper bend, while on the northern front Moscow said that either Soviet forces in a sudden strike across the Lovat River had toppled the big German base of Kholm, 60 miles south of Lake Ilmen.

The two offensives imperilled all German positions in the Ukraine east of the 23rd River defence line protecting the routes into Rumania, and sent the Germans reeling in retreat toward Latvia on a cauldron 150-mile northern front.

The fall of Krivoi Rog appeared imminent since the Russians were reported only three miles short of the rail escape routes leading out of the city.

A special Russian announcement also said that more than 190,000 Germans had been killed in about a month of operations on both the Leningrad and Ukraine fronts, and a midnight bulletin said that 3,400 more Axis troops fell in battle today when the Red Army regained 170 localities.

D. N. B. Says Most Nazis Escape Trap

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A D. N. B. German broadcast news agency, dispatch to European newspapers, said that most of the German troops in the Ukraine had escaped a trap set by the U. S. Government. Monitors, announced today that Hitler had declared a "total mobilization" in the Ukraine, and that two German Generals for leading an escape of German troops from the Cherkassy trap in the Ukraine had been executed.

Degrelle was quoted as claiming nine-tenths of the German troops escaped.

The Russians said Tuesday that 73,000 Germans were killed or captured in the pocket.

Arrests Follow Montreal Strike

MONTREAL, Feb. 21.—(CP)—Provincial Police tonight arrested five employees of Montreal's Tramways Company on charges of inciting a strike. The bill would authorize the company to bring in replacement workers.

The arrests were an outcome of a 30-hour strike of tramway employees last week end.

Proposes Fund For Blind Veterans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A \$5,000,000 fund to train seeing-eye dogs for blind war veterans was proposed today by Senator James H. Doolittle (R., Mo.). The bill would authorize the Veterans Administration to provide a dog guide for any veteran entitled to compensation for loss of sight.

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Sun sets this evening at 5:38 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:50. New moon Feb. 23rd, 10:59 p.m. Summer tide, eighteen minutes later than charlottetown.

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