

HUGE JAP EXPEDITION HIT FROM SEA AND AIR

British Planes Attack Big Axis Convoy 18 Ships Sunk Or Damaged In 48-hour Battle

Severest blow of war dealt Nipponese by United States and Dutch Naval and Air Forces.

Gov't plans Fertilizer aid To Farmers

By R. K. Carnegie Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (CP)—The cabinet, it was learned today, has before it a proposal to assist Canadian farmers to purchase manufactured fertilizers...

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Japan, seven weeks after losing her whirlwind conquest campaign, is master of the China Sea but still as far from her goal as is her Nazi accomplice in Russia.

Were carrying Reinforcements Towards Libya

Fierce Land Battle Still Raging As Rommel Continues On Offensive.

(By Edward Kennedy) (Associated Press Staff Writer)

CAIRO, Jan. 25 (AP)—British bombers and torpedo planes have intercepted the largest Axis convoy ever sent into the Central Mediterranean—bearing reinforcements for the German-Italian counter-attack in Libya—and probably destroyed a 20,000-ton liner, set another transport afire and torpedoed a destroyer.

Sugar Rationing Goes Into Effect In Canada

Three-quarters of a pound per person per week is order of wartime Prices and Trade Board.

(By Alan Randal, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (CP)—Without actually knowing it at the time, every Canadian household today went on a sugar ration of three-quarters of a pound a person per week at the order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

This means, the Board said, a one-third reduction in household consumption for each Canadian, or, in the course of a year, a saving of at least 100,000 tons on a total Canadian consumption, including industrial use, of about 500,000 tons.

From this day on Canadians may purchase more than two weeks' supply of sugar at the prescribed ration figure.

Those who have more than that amount on hand must use their supplies until they are less than sufficient under the ration for two weeks before buying more.

Canadians who eat in restaurants are also expected to restrict their sugar consumption, the Board said.

The Board said the rationing plan, effective at 12:01 a.m. A.S.T. today, was taken as a matter of "prudent precaution" to conserve supplies despite the fact that Canadian sugar stocks now are higher than ever before.

At the same time, the board gave assurance that "retail prices of sugar in Canada will not be increased at any time during the year."

Announced Sunday

Donald Gordon, board chairman, announced the sugar order to newspapermen at a Sunday afternoon press conference at board headquarters. A short time later he informed the general public in a national broadcast over Canadian Broadcasting Corporation facilities.

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36 men died In torpedoing

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 25 (CP)—Thirty-six men, one a Canadian, died in the flaming inferno of a Norwegian tanker torpedoed in the western Atlantic recently.

Five survivors, all of whom were on the bridge when the torpedo struck, arrived here with the story of the sinking.

After 15 hours huddled in an open boat they were picked up by a British freighter and brought here, the port to which they were heading to join a convoy when the submarine attacked.

The lone Canadian was Gaston Drouin, 19, from somewhere in Quebec province.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word

Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl and Cold Storage. L-219-7-9-11.

Club loading hogs Winslow Station Tuesday forenoon, January 27th. L-776-1-26-11.

Dance, St. James Hall, Summerfield, Tuesday, January 27th. Mulvaney's Orchestra. L-774-1-26-11.

Concert and Pie Social in New Glasgow Hall, Wednesday, January 27th. Proceeds for war purposes. See the following night. L-651-1-20-23-26.

Come to Concert and Box Social, Brackley Hall, Monday, January 26th. Admission 25c. Ladies with 30c. free. If not fine, following night. L-749-1-24-21.

We require a quantity of well-finished beef cattle, (steers and heifers) to dress, 600 lbs or over. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-746-1-24-11.

Garden seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1942 catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York. L-778.

Hogs for Britain should be the slogan of every farmer in this province. Britain needs hogs and willing to pay a high price. Farmers, let's produce stock and give them hogs. Livestock Marketing Board. L-776-1-26-11.

The farmers "line" in this world conflict is the food line. Island farmers are asked to produce hogs. Will they do it? Sure, they will. Livestock Marketing Board. L-776-1-26-11.

The Annual Meeting of the Farmers Institute, will be held in Tryon Hall on Wednesday the 28th day January at 2:30. If stormy the first fine day following. Chas. H. Lord, Secretary. L-772-1-26-11.

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Summary of New regulations Concerning sugar

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (CP)—Following is the official summary, issued by the wartime prices and trade board today, on the new sugar rationing regulations:

- 1. The ration is three-quarters of a pound per person per week, including adults, children and infants, members of the family, boarders, servants and guests who remain for four days or more.
2. Purchase your sugar in the ordinary way, but not more than two weeks' supply at a time. No coupons, stamps or tickets are required.
3. Do not purchase any sugar if you have two weeks' supply on hand.
4. Persons in remote areas who are not able to buy every week or two weeks may continue to buy several months' supply at a time, but should measure their requirements at the ration rate, namely, three-quarters of a pound per person per week.
5. Lumber camps and other firms providing meals to their employees must see that consumption is restricted to three-quarters of a pound per person, effective immediately.
6. Economize on sugar wherever you can; some people can get along on less than the ration. Those dining in restaurants are also expected to restrict their sugar consumption.
7. Additional supplies of sugar will be made available for home preserving and canning.
8. The ration affects only refined cane sugar and beet sugar.
9. Industrial users of sugar, and hospitals and other institutions, will be advised by the sugar administrator (S.E. Noble) how the sugar restrictions will affect them.

Plan Land Scheme For Disabled Veterans

TORONTO, Jan. 25 (CP)—A bill establishing a land scheme to help re-establish disabled veterans of the current war will be introduced shortly in the House of Commons at Ottawa, Hon. J. MacKenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health said in an interview here Saturday.

More than 15 per cent of 200,000 or so military men questioned want to settle on the land after the war, he said. All sections of Canada will be affected.

(By C. Yates McDaniel) (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WITH BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES ON THE MALAYAN FRONT, Jan. 25 (AP)—How two Australian battalions, gun nests in the Japanese machine-gun nests in the Malayan jungles, grimly held up an enemy advance for four days and even came near a breakthrough against overwhelming enemy infantry, tanks, artillery and dive-bombers was told today by Aussies who cut their way through the wilderness to reach the British lines.

There has not been a more astounding effort in this war or the last, declared Australian Gen. Henry Gordon Bennett, himself a veteran of Gallipoli.

My two battalions were in a desperate position but they were as full of fight at the end as at the beginning, he said.

The former record of eight hours, 23 minutes was set last month by Capt. O.J. Jones, British overseas airways pilot.

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United Nations Air Forces Lash At Japs

Reported massing for Major land assault at rear of Nipponese Invaders of Malaya.

By Daniel De Luce Associated Press Staff Writer

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 25 (AP)—United Nations forces lashed hard at Japanese positions in southwest Asia during the week-end and were reported massing for a major land assault at the rear of Nipponese armies pushing overland toward the allied bastion of Singapore.

A heavy force of R.A.F. bombers raided Bangkok, capital of Japanese-occupied Thailand, inflicting widespread damage in a strong aerial onslaught, while by land Chinese troops were reported engaged in a great mass movement in China's southwestern province of Yunnan and along the Thailand frontier.

The British command announced a withdrawal before Japanese push-back on the Gulf of Martaban, but said it was taking up new positions "somewhere in the Moulmein sector" 100 miles east of Rangoon.

Military commentators cast no light on the fate of Moulmein itself.

The Chinese army in Burma was reported to be growing into a major force, reducing the numerical superiority enjoyed by the Japanese in Thailand in the opening offensive.

In addition, unofficial information was received that the air force in Burma is being continually reinforced by newer models of fighters and bombers.

8,000-ton Italian Ship is captured

LONDON, Jan. 25 (CP)—The British admiralty announced last night that British warships had "intercepted and captured" the 8,000-ton Italian vessel Duchessa D'Aosta.

The admiralty communique follows: "With reference to their previous statement concerning axis ships reported by the Germans to have sailed from Fernando Poo, (Portuguese-owned island off West Central Africa) the admiralty announces that British warships, dispatched to make investigations, have intercepted and captured the 8,000-ton Italian ship, Duchessa D'Aosta.

The Italian ship, which was in difficulty when intercepted, has been taken into a British port."

New Battleship Is in Service

LONDON, Jan. 25 (CP)—The 35,000-ton battleship Duke of York, Britain's newest capital ship, carried Prime Minister Churchill to the United States and now is in active service, the Admiralty announced tonight.

Last August Mr. Churchill made a great voyage to the United States and now is in active service, the Admiralty announced tonight.

She was launched in the Clyde about two years ago by the Queen. It was understood that shipyard men worked day and night shifts to complete the big battleship.

No mention has been made of the Jellicoe and Beatty, which were laid down in 1937 for completion in 1941, and it is possible they also are at sea.

Canadian Carrot Supply very short

TORONTO, Jan. 25 (CP)—M. M. Robinson, managing director of the Ontario Food Distribution Council, said Saturday the supply of Canadian carrots will be exhausted within a month.

Mr. Robinson said the increasing demands of the army on the present stock together with the dry growing season had caused the shortage, the government has been asked to allow carrots to be imported duty free from the United States, he said.

Tea price schedule

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (CP)—A schedule of prices published today in the Canada Gazette showed that maximum retail prices under tea regulations made public recently range from 85 cents to \$1 a pound, while maximum prices to be paid by retailers range from 74 to 86 cents a pound.

Much Of Nazi Winter Line Smashed By Reds

Weather - hardened Russian Troops advance further in bitter cold.

MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (Monday)—Hitler's winter line has been virtually wiped out from end to end and progressing rapidly in a vast triangle southwest of Moscow from the area of Smolensk to Kursk, the Russians reported early today.

An early morning communique announced that Soviet forces driving westward had recaptured Neidovo, on the Moscow-Vitebsk railroad northwest of the capital.

Weather-hardened Red troops, making the most of the severest winter conditions experienced by continental Europe in many a decade, were declared further to have occupied 54 additional populated centres in their great uninterrupted advance.

Russian sources said clean-up operations were in full swing in Crimea but the picture there was the area east of a 270-mile line obscure.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON JAVA, N. E. I., Jan. 25 (AP)—United States and Netherlands air and naval forces, striking with co-ordinated fury for more than 48 hours at a huge Japanese expedition threading through Macassar Strait, have sunk or damaged 18 ships and dealt the severest blows of the war to the invaders, official and authoritative reports said today.

Despite these almost continuous attacks, however, the Japanese have forced three new landings in the outer islands protecting Australia and Java, the nerve centre of the Netherlands East Indies, and their bombers have ranged far and wide in attacks which indicate imminent efforts to penetrate further the south seas.

The Netherlands announced the Japanese had put forces ashore at the east coast Borneo port of Balikpapan, facing Macassar Strait, where they were meeting with strong resistance from a Netherlands force fighting amidst the blackened and tangled ruins of oil refineries and wells which had been ordered destroyed.

This invasion, which brought the Japanese within 500 miles of the main Indies naval and air base at Soerabaja on Java, was accompanied by another at Kendari on the southeastern tip of the Celebes, more than 400 miles to the east of Balikpapan.

Simultaneously, an Australian communique announced the Japanese occupation of Kendari, in New Ireland, across the Coral Sea from the Australian sub-continent.

Netherlands airmen scored the newest of the blows upon the battered island.

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Two dead from Poison in Quebec

BICKINGHAM, Que., Jan. 25 (CP)—Quebec provincial police tonight investigated the poison deaths of Mrs. Talbot Bigelow, 35, and Solomon Beauregard, 46, which occurred here Friday and Saturday.

Coroner W. J. Costello said there was "absolutely no doubt" that the poison caused both deaths, and that it was believed to be strychnine.

An inquest was opened last night but it was adjourned before evidence was taken to next Wednesday when the results of an autopsy performed by Dr. J. M. Rousseau, medic-legal expert of the Quebec attorney-general's department, will be available.

Crews Of Three Corvettes "Adopted"

TORONTO, Jan. 25 (CP)—The Maritime Provinces Association of Toronto has "adopted" the crews of three Canadian corvettes, the Halifax, Fredericton and Charlottetown, and will supply them regularly with warm clothing, cigarettes and other comforts. The Association at a meeting Saturday said each of the ships will be supplied with a large box each month.

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 25—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. Dawson 5 19, Victoria 42 45, Edmonton 16 23, Regina 4 25, Winnipeg 20 22, Toronto 25 29, Ottawa 7 17, Montreal 11 14.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair with somewhat lower temperature over the greater part of Ontario and it continues fair with above normal temperature throughout the Prairie Provinces.

BOSTON, Jan. 25 (CP)—Forecast for Maine: Rising temperature except in extreme southwest portion Monday.

High tide this morning at 5:57 and this afternoon at 5:20. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:20.

Full moon Feb. 1, 4:12 a.m. Summerside tide 18 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.

Australia Demands voice In War Councils

MELBOURNE, Jan. 26 (Monday)—(CP)—Imperilled Australia delivered a new demand on London today for a direct voice in imperial war councils as the Japanese, apparently in steadily rising strength, expanded footholds on Australian islands against the Commonwealth's outnumbered defenders.

The war cabinet decided on immediate full mobilization of militia and home defence forces and acceleration of the call-up of new personnel, immediate consideration of full application of air raid precautions and a complete coastal blackout and the drafting of concise orders to all military commanders to apply a scorched-earth policy in any area where Australian forces are withdrawn.

The cabinet which had sat through the week end followed up its second appeal to London and Washington—for planes and ships to support its own marshalled fighting power now that invasion has hit Australian shores—with a frank communication to Prime Minister Churchill.

The message, reflecting the urgency Australia repeatedly has stressed in appeals for help in her self-defence, contained two points—first, a strong request for the immediate formation of an empire war council in London and, second, a call for an allied war council to direct basic strategy in the Pacific.

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WANT SPEECHES RECORDED

LONDON (CP)—Edgar Granville, Liberal National M. P. will ask the Commissioner of works for a recording unit in the House of Commons so that important speeches can be broadcast or kept for record.

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SMOKE IS THE ONLY THING THAT GOES UP AND NEVER COMES DOWN



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BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN