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SHARP ENEMY ATTACK MADE ON ALLIED FLANK

Gov't War Risk Insurance Scheme Is Revised



Here's the first photo, just released by the Army, of the M-5, Uncle Sam's latest tank destroyer—and a tough-looking craft it is. Speedy, well-armed, it carries a 105-m. gun for blasting enemy tanks and an anti-aircraft gun for protection against strafing planes.

Uisley Gives Details Of Conditions

Finance Minister Says 19,000 Policies Were Issued Since Sept. 15.

OTTAWA, Nov. 4.—(CP)—Finance Minister Uisley tonight announced that the government had authorized certain administrative changes in the rates and underwriting conditions of the war risk insurance scheme, including a policy holder's right to a refund of his pro rata portion of 50 per cent of the net surplus remaining in the fund at the end of the year.

"This is a recognition," the minister said "of partnership that exists between the contributing property owners and the taxpayers of Canada."

"It also is a demonstration of the non-profit-making intention of the government in setting up the scheme."

"If the rate of 25 cents per \$100 proves to have been too high (and no one knows today what rate would have been too high) the contributors will share in the surplus along with the general body of taxpayers who have underwritten the risk to the extent that the amount paid into the fund by the policyholders."

In a statement distributed to the press, Mr. Uisley said the scheme had been in operation since Sept. 15, and in the six weeks to the end of October, 19,000 policies were issued for a total value in excess of \$1,250,000,000, with premiums totaling approximately \$5,000,000.

When allowance is made for the effect of the free compensation in regard to owner-occupied dwelling houses, this represents a fair response to the government scheme that has been issued since the end of October.

However, it is fair to say that the response to the scheme has not been as great as has been expected. Possibly this is due to the favorable turn of events in recent weeks. It would be a mistake if recent war news were allowed to give rise in Canada to any false sense of immunity from war danger.

War Situation Last Night

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

A grim test of relative steadfastness of Japanese and German-Italian troops under fight-to-the-death orders seems to be developing. This could throw light on what would happen should the war in Europe collapse for the Axis and leave Japan to fight alone in the Pacific.

Such a distant possibility was visualized by Prime Minister Churchill in his recent broadcast, warning Italy what was in store for her from Africa and urging a revolt against Mussolini. The British leader saw no probability of a Japanese capitulation even if the Axis structure in Europe fell under cumulative Allied blows. Instead he pledged prompt shifting of British power to the Pacific theatre in that event to meet an expected Japanese fight to the death.

That gives high placed British endorsement to what Joseph Grew, former American Ambassador to Tokyo, and all other repatriated Americans from the Orient have had to say since their return. Those who know the Japanese best, who endured the savage treatment accorded even non-combatant Americans before their release, do not see any prospect of Japanese weakening whatever happens in Europe.

Events on New Guinea and Guadalcanal bear it out. Australian-American troops appear to have the desperately-fighting Japanese in the Gona-Buna coastal strip in a deadly trap. There is every reason to believe that few reinforcements and little food or ammunition have reached them. Their numbers cannot be great.

With troops of other nationality the sheer exhaustion factor could be counted on to wear down the will to resist in due course, but not the Japanese. There is every evidence that this is a battle of extermination so far as they are concerned and that they know it and are prepared to go through with it.

The same thing is true in effect on Guadalcanal.

In Tunisia the probability of a similar and inescapable trap closing on German or German-Italian forces trying to stave off the Anglo-American advance is very real. A similar trap is yawning for the remnants of Rommel's army in Tripolitania.

An Allied spokesman in London said that the situation in the Tunis-Bizerte triangle after two days more of fierce positional armisthing in which losses were about matched would give the "edge" to the side which "regains strength most quickly."

Desert Air War During "Lull" May Turn Tide

The following dispatch from a veteran Associated Press War Correspondent, cleared through heavy censorship, suggests that the aerial and sea-level blows now being struck during the "lull" in the desert fighting may be decisive in the defeat of the Axis in Africa. The punishment apparently is the same. It is known as a "lull" in the desert fighting in the war on the desert front.

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Air Appointments Are Announced

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Air Minister Fowe, tonight announced a series of appointments affecting senior officers of the R.C.A.F., including four Vice-Marshal appointments.

The appointments are as follows:

Air Vice-Marshal G. O. Johnson, M.C. 46, Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Training Command, with headquarters at Toronto, has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, Eastern Air Command (operational) with headquarters at Halifax.

Air Vice-Marshal A. L. Cuffe, 47, Air Officer Commanding, Eastern Air Command, has been appointed Deputy Inspector-General of Western Canada.

Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Godfrey, M.C. A.F.C. 52, Deputy Inspector-General, has been appointed Deputy Inspector-General for Eastern Canada.

Air Vice-Marshal A. B. Shearer, 49, Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, with headquarters at Winnipeg, has been appointed Director of Economy with headquarters at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

Air Commodore F. S. McGill, 48, Commanding Officer, R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, Ontario, has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Training Command, with headquarters at Toronto.

Air Commodore T. A. Lawrence, 47, Air Officer Administrative at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, with headquarters at Toronto.

Air Commodore C. M. McEwen, M.C. D.F.C. 46, Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Group, with headquarters at St. John's, Nfld., has been appointed to R.C.A.F. headquarters in the United Kingdom.

Air Commodore F. H. Heakes, 48, Deputy Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Group, St. John's, Nfld.

Air Commodore K. M. Guthrie, 42, Air Officer Administrative at Western Air Command, Victoria, has been appointed Air Staff Member for Air Staff at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

Group Capt. R. E. McBurney, 37, Director of Signals, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, has been appointed Commanding Officer R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, Ontario.

Group Capt. H. R. Godwin, 35, Deputy Director of Signals, Air Force Headquarters, has been promoted to Director of Signals.

Wing Commander D. E. Blair, 32, Training Division, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, has been appointed Commanding Officer, No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mossbank, Sask.

All the appointments will be put into effect by the end of the year.

Both Sides Lose Heavily In Tanks Reports Reveal

British Navy Strikes Hard At Sea To Snap Axis Supply Lines.

(By Blake Sullivan, Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A series of terrific Axis counter-attacks through the mountains between Djedeida and Mateur which caught the British 1st Army with its American armored forces on the flank at Tabourba were reported tonight to have left the plains and hills of Tunisia strewn with the wreckage of tanks and the situation at Tebourba in doubt.

"It is now clear that Axis troops have recaptured Tebourba," 20 miles west of Tunis and about 35 miles south of Bizerte, said the military correspondent of Reuters News Agency.

The Germans also were reported holding to Mateur, 25 miles south of Bizerte.

The Morocco radio said the Germans had thrown a fleet of about 50 tanks into their counter-attack and that the "larger part" were destroyed or damaged.

The enemy also was reported by the same source to have sent paratroopers into the attack, but these were said to have been rounded up and made powerless in short order.

Berlin claimed that the ruins of 40 Allied tanks dotted the battlefield after 48 hours of fierce fighting.

By sea the British navy struck in an effort to destroy every Axis vessel carrying additional men and armor to the defending forces, while from every available airfield in north Africa and from Malta as well Allied long-range bombers struck unceasing blows.

"Squadrons of our latest warships, including many still on the secret list, have joined the destroyer battalions and have scored a signal victory" in the opening stages, the naval reporter of the London Daily Express wrote today.

The two-day toll of Axis shipping was brought to 10 today with the announcement that Allied aircraft had sunk two more merchantmen out of a southbound enemy convoy on Wednesday night and left a third in flames.

Warns Rubber Outlook Is Very Grave

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—William M. Jeffers, rubber director, bluntly warned today that the United States is threatened with military "disaster" because materials needed for synthetic rubber factories are being devoted to other war uses.

Unless vital equipment for the factories is forthcoming immediately the armed forces face a serious shortage of rubber in 1943, he said in a report which he laid before a joint committee of Senators and house members.

He added that he had little hope of solving the priorities problem in time to avoid a crisis.

Instruments, forgings, valves, heat exchangers and other equipment are badly needed, Jeffers said. If they are not provided it will be impossible to get synthetic plants into quantity production soon enough to prevent such a drain on crude rubber stocks; there may be none left for heavy duty tires self-sealing gasoline tanks and other military necessities.

International At A Glance

(Canadian Press)

TUNISIA — Reuters reports Allied forces have been driven from Tebourba and Mateur in battle for Tunis and Bizerte.

MEDITERRANEAN — Secret British warships and Allied planes reported concentrated on throttling Axis efforts to supply African forces by sea; Axis losses amount to 10 ships.

RUSSIA — Reds capture several more villages, progress in Stalingrad as enemy offers stiff resistance.

FRANCE — Edouard Herriot, former cabinet minister and Jean Borotra, former tennis star, reported under arrest as Laval seeks to form a 100 per cent pro-Nazi government.

NEW GUINEA — Allies increase pressure on Japs in Buna-Gona region, using 105-mm guns flown in by air.

Reds Seize 11 Villages

MOSCOW, Dec. 5.—(AP)—(Saturday)—The Red Army seized 11 more villages in the Stalingrad area yesterday, presumably in the Don River bend west of that city, surrounded a German stronghold near Lelilike Luki on the frozen central front, and killed upwards of 2,500 Nazis in twin offensives that still are gaining ground, the Soviets announced early today.

The regular midnight communiqué said the Russians gained about 200 to 300 yards inside Stalingrad itself, occupied two important points northwest and southwest of the Volga River City, and were beginning "the liquidation of encircled enemy strongpoints" in the area of Velik's Luki, only 90 miles from the Latvian border.

GIFT OF ROYAL CROWN

LONDON.—(CP)—First royal crown to be made in Britain since the Second Great War started, the British government has just presented it to the Kabaka of Uganda, for his crowning as King of Uganda. He has just come of age.

SWEDISH DESTROYERS

STOCKHOLM.—(CP)—Sweden, during 1943, will have 26 destroyers in service. It was announced by the Naval Department. Of these, at least 20 will be modern.

16 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

MUSIC MAY HELP GET WORK DONE - BUT NOT "CHIN MUSIC"

High tide this morning at 9:16 and tonight at 11:01.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:23.
New moon Dec. 7, 8:59 p.m.
Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:34 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICE
(May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive)
Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:50 p.m.
Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m.
DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Of Sydney Arrested—Others Charged In Fraud Case

Cloudburst Costs 4 Lives

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Dec. 4.—(CP CABLE)—A raging cloudburst that emptied itself over a section of Northern Jamaica, claimed at least eight lives and caused heavy property damage and disruption of communications, according to reports reaching here today.

The downpour transformed gullies into swiftly-flowing rivers, and one such torrent swept six houses into the sea. Five members of a native family living in one of the houses including four children — were drowned.

Later, three more bodies were found in a nearby district.

King, Roosevelt In Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Trade and financial arrangements between Canada and the United States and postwar plans in many parts of the world were discussed today by Prime Minister Mackenzie King with President Roosevelt and State Secretary Cordell Hull.

The Prime Minister arrived for a week-end of informal discussions with the President and plans to arrive back in Ottawa Sunday morning.

Coming Events

- *Talkies Montague, Saturday, One Foot in Heaven. 12-3-31
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- *Hunter River potato starch factory now receive potatoes by carload or cartload. Appointment not necessary. 12-3-41
- *Buying live and dressed poultry daily, highest market prices paid. Service and satisfaction our motto. F. B. Conrad & Co. 12-4-31
- *Annual meeting Kingston Telephone Company, Ltd., in Kingston Hall, December, 12th, 8 P. M. 12-5-11
- *Unloading car wheat, bulk Saturday afternoon and Monday. Court and Son, Bedford Sts. 12-5-21
- *An unloading wheat and barley, Monday, Dec. 7 choice quality, also four and mixed feeds. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert. 12-5-21
- *Car of oats to arrive soon. Write or phone orders. John A. Ross, Surrey. 12-5-11
- *Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl every Wednesday. Paying top market prices. F. J. Roy Hunter River. 9-26-5-12-11
- *The annual meeting of Four Branch Farmers Institute will be held in North Charlton School Tuesday evening December 8th. All welcome. Hermas Myers, Sect. 12-5-11
- *Buying pigs at Fredericton, Monday; Tuesday 1 p.m., York St., 3 p.m., Mt. Stewart Station; paying \$9 a pr. for rod pigs over 28 lbs. each will pay smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen. 12-4-21
- *Please pay all outstanding accounts on or before Dec. 14th. Otherwise I will be obliged to collect them through court. Please cash all cheques issued by me before January 1st. Knud Jorgensen. 12-5-11

First Canso Plane On Initial Flight

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Known in the Dominion as the Canso, the first Catalina Amphibian, built of the late war christened "Princess Alice" today and then took off on its initial flight.

First of a long line of Canso patrol bombers to be produced by the production lines of Canadian Vickers here, the mighty twin-engine plane was christened by Lady Bowhill, wife of Air Chief Marshal Sir Ferry Command here. It was named in honor of the wife of Canada's General-General.

Sure Of Fate Of One U-Boat

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(CP)—A pair of Montreal airmen are sure of the fate of at least one of the 40 enemy U-boats which Air Minister Power announced yesterday had been attacked by coastal patrol aircraft during the past week.

Home on leave from a coastal area where they have been conducting anti-submarine patrols, the two airmen said today they recently caught a sub just as it was surfacing, punctured it with machine gun fire, and then waited around until it surfaced and a tell-tale oil slick confirmed their success.

"I sure gave you a lift to nab that one, after weeks of boring patrol," smiled Flt.-Sgt. Kenny Lammy, 30, Westmount. "It never had a chance," chimed in Flt.-Sgt. P.A. Corbett, 21, Montreal. Lumny navigated the aircraft, while Corbett was on the staff of the Montreal bureau of the Canadian Patrol before the joint effort of the R.C.A.F. while Corbett, the wireless operator, was a crew member in this city.

Other members of the crew of the patrol aircraft were P.O. E. L. Robinson, 26, Vancouver. Pilot and former bank clerk, and Sgt. E. F. Williams, 25, Gull Lake, Sask., and a former farmer.

Seeks More Taxes On Gov't Property

HALIFAX, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Mayor W.E. Donovan and a civic committee will leave here for Ottawa tomorrow to lobby the Cabinet Monday on a proposal for adjustments in the municipal taxation of Federal Property here. The city claims De-Val's government property in Halifax is taxed too lightly and wants either a new tax structure or a grant in lieu of taxation.

Local Man Receives Navigator's Wings

LONDON Ont., Dec. 4.—(CP)—H. Scott of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was among graduates receiving Air Navigator's wings at No. 4 Air Observer School here today.

MAJOR RATIONING PROBLEM

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Mrs. Nellie O'Brien faces a major rationing problem right now, pending return or replacement of five food rationing books stolen from her young son when he was on his way to a grocery store.

News Briefs

- BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Federal Judge Miguel Janus said today a government investigation had proved that the German embassy was involved in espionage within Argentina.
- MAY TURN BALANCE — During the present "lull" Allied aircraft, notably long-range bombers and long-range fighters, have been hitting Axis air strength and shipping so heavy that it may turn the balance in the second stage of the campaign to drive the enemy out of Africa and pursue him into Europe.
- While British and American fighters have sunk or badly damaged enemy aircraft, including bombers, another Allied fighting arm has been raking the enemy lines of communication at sea level.
- The Axis is mounting desperate efforts to keep the central Mediterranean open and is running into heavy opposition.
- No Lull — The full nature of this new battle cannot yet be told, but when it is revealed it may prove to be one of the most decisive engagements of the present war.
- In one of the latest reported encounters, two good-sized southbound merchant vessels were bombed and set afire and were last seen in sinking condition.
- Allied planes off the coast of the island of Malta alone have sunk four Axis ships, destroying 11 others and destroyed at least 48 enemy aircraft, including troop-carriers, during the current "lull."
- Planes operating from this mid-air base also have been active over the Tunisia battle front, bombing and destroying installations.
- The truth is that there is no lull. There never was.
- TOP SCORING PILOT IN ENGLAND FOR REST — Ottawa, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Flt. Lt. Henry Wallace McLeod of Regina, Sask., today was named the top scoring Spitfire pilot of the R.C.A.F. who shot down 13 enemy aircraft over Malta in a little more than four months and probably damaged or destroyed "many" others, is back in England for a rest. R.C.A.F. headquarters said tonight.
- McLeod, who won the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar, and two promotions during his service at Malta, was shot down twice during 18 hectic weeks. Five times his plane was shot up and damaged.

Naval Awards To Crew Of Assiniboine

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Lone Bandit Gets \$1,800 In Loot

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—(CP)—A lone bandit escaped with about \$1,800 today after holding up the Gouin Boulevard Branch of La Banque Canadienne Nationale, using the revolver of the bank manager in the hold-up.

The manager, Armand Viau, said he was alone in his office when the man walked in, grabbed the gun, then scooped up the available currency before leaving.

QUIETER CHURCH FRONT

LONDON.—(CP)—Recent reports from Norway state that the "Church Front" has now for some time been "characterized by calmness," with Nazi interference "hardly perceptible."

DIES OF INJURIES

ROBERT AITKEN, a member of the R.C.A.F., died from injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile while returning to his post in Newfoundland, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Aitken of nearby Roebuck, Ont., were informed officially today. No details of the accident were known here.