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GERMANS FLING TWO GREAT COLUMNS AT MOSCOW

Plans For Prisoner Trade Blacked Out

Historic deal gummed up by German Radio; Disabled prisoners sigh in discouragement.

(By J. Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Staff Writer)

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 7—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The lights of a merciful truce, arranged by wary radio conversations with the Nazis, flashed on at the stroke of midnight last night aboard two prisoner-exchange ships in this little channel port, but they were as suddenly doused 40 seconds later.

The historic deal for exchanging British and German wounded was off again, blacked out by the same agency which had helped arrange it—the German radio.

Whether the trade was cancelled or merely postponed as it had been Saturday was not explained, but about 100 wounded Germans below decks of the hospital ships St. Julien and Dinard sighed in discouragement as they heard the news.

They were to have been the first of at least 1,500 men to be exchanged for 1,500 Britons, but a last-minute telephone call from the War Office in London snuffed out the blue and green running lights and the floodlit red crosses just as the ships were ready to cast off for the Nazi-held port of Dieppe, France.

"In view of a statement made on the German wireless Monday night on the subject of repatriation, the hospital ships will not sail," said a war office statement.

It volunteered nothing further, but authoritative British sources said the following Monday night broadcast from the Breslau radio was responsible:—

"In its report on the exchange of

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Egg tossing In Quebec By Election

Liberal Gov't Retains One Seat; Other In Doubt.

QUEBEC, Oct. 6 —(CP) —Quebec's Liberal government retained Huntingdon constituency in today's two provincial by-elections and claimed another victory in St. Johns-Napierville, where the opposing Union Nationale Party disputed the Liberal assertion and excited voters demonstrated with cheers, boos, scuffles and egg-tossing.

In the quieter Huntingdon balloting, the election of Denis J. O'Connor, Liberal, was conceded by John W. Stewart, Union Nationale, when returns from 15 of the riding's 26 polls showed O'Connor with 2,172 votes to his opponent's 1,063.

But in St. Johns eggs splattered the Liberal headquarters windows after the Liberals had claimed their candidate L. Omer Perrier, elected on the basis of party returns from the riding's 68 polls—a claim disputed by the Union Nationales, who asserted that their standard-bearer, Paul Beaulieu, was leading on the basis of almost complete reports from their poll representatives. At a late hour tonight they claimed they were leading by 63 votes in the whole constituency.

On the other hand, the Liberals claimed a majority of 197 for Perrier on what they said was their complete returns.

Parachutist Is rescued

SUNDANCE, Wyo., Oct. 6—(AP)—George Hopkins, 30, was rescued from Devil's Tower tonight.

He was taken to the ranger station a half mile from the 1,280-foot volcanic spire on which he had been trapped since he parachuted to its flat top last Wednesday on a $50 bet.

Mountain climbers brought him down from his prison on the turret in about four hours.

"I want a shave and a haircut," were Hopkins' first words when he reached safety.

When he saw the crowd of thousands at the base of the tower he told a climber:—

"I'd rather climb back up than face that crowd."

TORNADO IN KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 6 —(AP) — Tornadic winds struck Fairmount, Kansas City suburb, late today, killing a woman and child, injuring around 25 persons and levelling part of a business district. A half dozen homes were wrecked.

Coming Events

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Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word

**Show—Crapaud Tuesday. L-158-10-7-2i.

**Show and Dance Bradalbane Wednesday. L-158-10-7-2i.

**Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl Island Cold Storage L-219-7-9-tf

**Scott's Mills, St. Avards, now open for business daily. L-175.

**Chicken Supper Fort Augustus, Wednesday, October 8th. L-166-10-7-2i.

**Concert, Supper and Raffle in Rollo Bay hall, Friday Oct. 10th. L-140-10.6-3i.

**Chicken Supper and Dance Iona Hall, Wednesday, October 8th beginning at 8 P M. L-113-10-4-4i.

**Dance in Emerald Hall Friday, October 10th, Sponsored by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Moynagh. L-156-10-7-10.

**The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in Cundall Home, Wednesday, October 8 at 3.30. L-174.

**Wanted to buy—Bologna Cattle Sheep and Veal Calves, all grades Phone, write for prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. tf

**Collecting hogs Albany and Emerald districts Friday. Give us your hogs and get the better price every week Trucking service. Write or phone A C. Green and G. C. Green.

The mechanized Germans who found the famed Polish cavalry such a soft touch are running into a horse of a different color in Russia. The Soviets claim the Red horsemen are getting in telling blows against the invader. New picture shows Russian cavalry thundering to the attack, according to Moscow caption.

Dec. 1 fixed As deadline For licensing

OTTAWA, Oct. 6—(CP)—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced tonight that Dec. 1 has been fixed as the date by which all persons or firms manufacturing or dealing in food, feed, livestock, poultry, yarn cloth, clothing or footwear must obtain a licence from the board.

"After Dec. 1 no unlicensed person or firm may buy for resale, handle, or sell any of those commodities," a board statement said.

While an individual farmer, gardener, livestock or poultry producer or fisherman is not required to obtain a licence unless he buys for resale, all co-operative buying, selling or marketing organizations and hucksters or drovers who, on their own account, buy for resale or handle the produce of any primary producer, must obtain a licence, the board added.

After Dec. 1, when any of the commodities named in the licensing order are bought for resale, both the sellers and the buyer's licence numbers must be marked on the sales slip, invoice, or other document which records the sale.

Warehouses and cold storage plants also come under the board's licensing plan. After Dec 1, persons who are subject to the licensing order may not store any article of food, feed, clothing or footwear until they have secured a licence, and no warehouse or storage plant operator will be permitted to accept such commodities unless the number of the storer's licence is marked on the document recording the acceptance.

None of these commodities can be withdrawn from cold storage or a warehouse for resale unless the person making the withdrawal is licensed by the board and unless the document recording the release carries his licence number. All warehouse and cold storage plant operators must be licensed.

"These restrictions are not designed to curtail business operations in any way," said C. R. Morphy, director of licensing.

"But by placing every person who in any way handles the commodities named in the order under licence the board will have the machinery with which to make speedy checks on available stocks and to police more effectively any price-fixing order which may be instituted."

Report naval Move ready From Bulgaria

ANKARA, Turkey, Oct. 6—(AP)—Information was received here today that a German naval operation from Bulgaria is "ready to be launched." It was still obscure where it would strike.

Information came from an especially well-informed source that the Black Sea harbors of Varna and Burgas are "beehives of activity," with approximately 4,000 German sailors controlling the ports. Most civilian activity was said to be suspended in these two cities.

One source usually well-informed surmised that the sea operation would be launched if and when the Germans break into the Crimean Peninsula proper over the narrow isthmus on which fighting is now under way.

McNaughton Refers to Canuck "Expeditions"

MONTREAL, Oct. 6 —(CP)— Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, commander of the Canadian Corps in the United Kingdom, made brief reference in a message to Canada tonight to "expeditions" made by Canadian troops "along the coast of Europe."

"At the moment," he said, "and by the decision of those most competent to judge, we stand on guard here in Britain, the one theatre of war which might prove decisive.

"From this citadel, as the calls have come, detachments of our men have gone forth in expeditions along the coast of Europe from far away Spitsbergen in the north to the fortress of Gibraltar in the south, doing the services required and gathering experience and knowledge which, later, we may hope to turn to good account."

Gen. McNaughton did not expand this reference.

(In Ottawa, Maj.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, chief of the general staff, when asked for amplification of the remark said: "There is no additional interpretation I can give."

Belts must be Tightened to Aid war effort

Finance Minister Ilsley Reviews Production Trends; Will Be Here Today.

HALIFAX, Oct. 6 —(CP) — Finance Minister Ilsley served notice today that from now on it will be the consumer who pays for the expansion of Canada's war production.

Noting that shortages have been developing in recent months in labor supply, and in the availability of certain materials, Mr. Ilsley told a joint luncheon of Halifax service clubs that further regulations of production, distribution and prices "will be inevitable if we are to prevent inflation and ensure a fair distribution of what is left after the war needs are filled."

The Dominion Finance Minister came to Halifax and his native province in continuation of the trip he made through western Canada early in September for the purpose of lining up local war savings organizations "for the intensive savings campaign which we shall be launching in a few weeks." Mr. Ilsley goes to Charlottetown tomorrow and thence to Saint John for a brief visit Wednesday. He will return to Charlottetown before leaving the Maritir

At Guns or Butter Stage

Here in Halifax where he studied in his youth for a law degree at Dalhousie University and of which he said "nowhere in Canada is this war activity more evident," Mr. Ils-

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Escaped prisoners Are recaptured

TIMMINS, Ont., Oct. 6 —(CP)— Two German prisoners of war who escaped from a northern Ontario prison camp Sunday night, were back in confinement tonight less than 10 hours after their escape was discovered. They were captured separately and within a few hours of each other.

Fritz Fuchs, 24-year-old Nazi sailor, was captured first in a swamp by two members of the Veterans' Home Guard shortly after three o'clock this morning only four miles from the scene of the break. Fuchs, who speaks fluent English is believed to be the prisoner who escaped from a northwestern Ontario camp Sept. 15, 1940, and remained at large for six days. Searchers said he had changed from his blue denim prison garb to civilian clothes.

The other prisoner, Karl Rudolph, 27-year-old merchant sailor, was recaptured shortly after noon less than eight miles from the camp.

Panama forbids Arming ships

PANAMA, Oct. 6—(AP)—Merchant vessels flying the flag of Panama must not be armed, under penalty of cancellation of their Panama registry, the cabinet decreed today.

Panama's ambassador to Washington was instructed to inform United States ship owners who would be affected.

Several United States-owned vessels under the Panama flag have been torpedoed recently. One, the Pink Star, was acknowledged by United States officials to have been armed at the time she was sunk off Iceland Sept. 19.

(On Sept. 24 United States Maritime Commission officials estimated that about 125 United States-owned ships were of Panama registry, 40 of these being owned by the Maritime Commission and the others by American companies.)

It was stated that the cabinet council previously had disapproved any arming of Panama-flag ships but had set no penalty for disobedience.

Two soldiers given Penitentiary terms

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Oct. 6—(CP)—After pleading guilty to theft of an automobile, two soldiers were sentenced in the police court here today to penitentiary terms. Gnr. William Thomas, Campbellton, attached to an anti-aircraft battery at Petawawa, Ont., was given two years and Pte. Robert McGee, Quebec, of the training centre at Camp Borden, Ont., was sentenced to three years. Both had been absent without leave.

Nazis Boast Of Events Of 'Untold Significance'

Moscow reports two German Motorized Columns smashed; 98 Enemy Tanks destroyed.

(By Henry C. Cassidy Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Oct. 7—(Tuesday)—(AP) — Co-ordinated Soviet land and air blows on the central and southern fronts smashed two German motorized columns and destroyed 98 Nazi tanks, the Russians announced today in acknowledging that the Nazis had wedged into the Red army lines at one point in the west.

The early-morning communique failed to say where the German tank advance was made in the western sector, but said the Red air force and tank units destroyed 34 Nazi tanks, 22 of them by air bombs.

nouncement said 64 German tanks, 130 infantry and ammunition trucks and two fuel tanks were destroyed by Soviet airmen.

Elsewhere along the front the Soviet announcement said stubborn fighting still raged on and in the far northern waters of the Barents Sea the Red navy was credited with sinking a German troopship.

For nearly a week now the defenders of Leningrad have reported daily counter-blows against the German siege lines, frequently claiming gains of one, two or three miles and tonight their position was represented as strong as it has ever been in the six-weeks-old siege.

Not only there but also at Odessa, similarly beleaguered on the Black Sea, in the Ukraine, in the east before Kharkov and on the approaches to the Crimea, the Red army's positions were said to be straighter and stronger than at any time in the 15-weeks-old invasion.

BERLIN, Oct. 6 — (AP) — Events of "untold significance" are occurring on the eastern front, but the high command is hiding them behind silence, Nazi sources boasted tonight.

The Germans were told of "additional successes" in offensive operations on the eastern front, but the war bulletin from Hitler's headquarters gave no details.

There were no indications of the extent of the high command's activity—Hitler's claim Friday that a "gigantic new development" was then 48 hours under way and a remark in the Dienst Aus Deutschland, foreign office commentary, that it is so vast it compares with "the opening of an entirely new campaign."

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson Associated Press Staff Writer

The astonishing thing about Hitler's "gigantic" new offensive in Russia is the almost glacial slowness with which it is developing, in striking contrast to previous Nazi blitzkrieg technique.

Hitler declared last Friday that the offensive had been in progress some 48 hours. Yet it was another 72 hours before London military onlookers discovered any definite evidence that it had been launched on a wide front.

It seemed to these London experts that the heaviest initial pressure was falling on the Russian centre, just south of Smolensk; and on the north central front about 200 miles northwest of Moscow. The British reports located one scene of action in the Roslavl area, mid-way between Smolensk and Bryansk, both scenes of recent Russian counter attacks.

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The Nazi attack in the Roslavl area presumably is aimed at breaking through Moscow along the double-track railroad crossing the Dnieper at Rogachev. That accounts for London speculation that the Soviet capital, with its wheel-spoke communication lines, is the Germans'

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Aimed at Moscow Is London belief; Nazi peace offer?

(By Russell Landstrom, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Oct. 6—(AP)—Hitler has flung two great columns at Moscow in a new, major offensive along the central and north central fronts and it is slowly progressing over bitter Russian resistance, authoritative sources reported here tonight.

This double thrust was understood to be based from Roslavl, halfway between Smolensk and Bryansk and about 220 miles southwest of the capital itself, and from the Valdai hills, which lie about 200 miles northwest of Moscow and about 180 miles below Leningrad.

This somewhat surprising turn of affairs on the central front, where earlier the Soviet position had seemed better than in any other threatre after weeks of Red counter-attacks extending over a great area, was reported along with word that the Nazis also were still driving forward in the south in the region of the Donets river basin of the Ukraine.

The situation for the Leningrad defenders, however, was declared by London informants to be apparently improved as German pressure eased in that northwestern area.

The new and major German lunge at the Russian centre, which was described here as "on a very considerable scale", was assumed to be the 'gigantic new development" of which Hitler spoke in his address of last Friday to the German people.

All this suggested the beginning

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Hurricane does Little damage

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 6 —(AP) — South Floridans who spent a Sunday hammering reaped their reward today when a tropical hurricane left this area relatively unscathed.

The small but intense storm ripped inland from the Atlantic Ocean just south of Miami, swept across the tip of the peninsula in quick time and passed out into the Gulf of Mexico to threaten shipping and cause warnings to be hoisted from Carrabelle, Fla., to Grand Isle, La.

At Nassau, where the velocity reached 102 miles an hour, Acting Governor W. L. Heape postponed proroguing the legislature for a week until damage can be assayed. After touring the island, Heape reported extensive damage to wharves and small boats. The government is working out plans to help those hard hit financially.

Vichy claims British sink 5 French ships

VICHY, Oct. 6 —(AP) — The Vichy regime's navy ministry claimed tonight that British craft had sunk five French merchant vessels recently and accused the Royal Navy of "especially picking on" one of these vessels to sink it from an Italian convoy in the eastern Mediterranean.

(There was no immediate comment on these claims in London.)

After losing other ships, the announcement claimed, the French accepted an Italian naval escort for the 8,914-ton freighter Theophile Gautier. The British craft were charged with pouncing upon this vessel particularly, sinking it by torpedo with a loss of 20 lives while rounding the southern tip of Evvoia off the east coast of Greece.

KILLED PLAYING IN STREET

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Oct. 6—(CP)—Playing in the street brought death today to Robert Steele, aged three, who suffered a skull fracture when hit by a truck.

Panama throws Monkey wrench Into U. S. plans

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 —(AP)— Little Panama today threw a monkey wrench into reported plans to arm a large number of American-owned cargo ships flying the Panamanian flag.

A decree of the cabinet council at Panama declared that merchant vessels of the Central American country must not be armed, under penalty of cancellation of their Panama registry.

Only last month, President Roosevelt had revealed that steps already had been taken to arm some of the American-owned ships which had been transferred to Panamanian registry to escape the prohibitions of the United States neutrality act. (That act prevents the arming of American-flag cargo ships and bars them from combat zones.)

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that the Pink Star, former Danish vessel taken over by the United States and placed under the Panamanian flag, had been carrying a gun or guns at the time she was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on Sept. 19. Mr. Roosevelt added that Panama was arming some other vessels under her registry, but he did not know how many.

Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, said tonight that Panama's decision against the arming of ships "may be the result of pressure by some small groups that always have entertained a political animosity toward the United States."

However, he declared that the decision "doesn't hurt anything" and added:

"We can amend the neutrality act and arm them on our own responsibility. And maybe later on we can tell our ships that they can go anywhere on the high seas."

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By Th Canadian Press)

OCT. 7, 1916— British captured Le Sars on Somme front and Anglo-French troops advanced further south. 3rd. Canadian Divisional Artillery arrived at the Somme. Germans reinforced in Transylvania, Rumanians withdrawing from Brasso.

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Oct. 6 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	36	45
Victoria	46	—
Edmonton	31	53
Regina	34	46
Toronto	57	61
Ottawa	50	61
Montreal	49	57
Boston	65	69

BOSTON, Oct. 6—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Cloudy and continued cool Tuesday; occasional rain Tuesday night; Wednesday rain and continued cool.

Synopsis: Showers have occurred in Southern Manitoba, but the weather has been generally fair and cool in the Prairie Provinces. A few light scattered showers have occurred in Ontario and it has been cool over the northern and eastern portions of the province but warm near Lake Erie.

High tide today at noon and tonight at 12.15.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.30 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.06.

Last quarter moon Oct. 13, 8.52 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

Leave Borden 9.25 A.M. 1.00 P.M. 4.45 P.M. 7.30 P.M.

Leave Cape Tormentine 11.00 A.M. 3.20 P.M. 6.20 P.M. 8.40 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY

Leaves Wood Islands 6 A.M. 10 A.M. and 2 P. M.

Leaves Caribou 8 A.M. 12 noon and 4 P. M.

Italians in Panic as R.A.F. Bombers appear

LONDON, Oct. 6—(CP)—"Overwhelming panic" was caused by the Royal Air Force in its first air raid on Italy, it is revealed in an official British work, "Bomber Command."

In the first bombing of Turin, the publication said, the "population pushed for the scanty, ill-constructed shelters only to find them packed with the crews of anti-aircraft guns and searchlights appointed to conduct the defence."

A number of the officers of these troops were subsequently shot for cowardice, the booklet said, but when southern Italy was bombed, "the same symptoms were immediately apparent."

One point rise In cost of Living index

OTTAWA, Oct. 6—(CP)—A one point rise in the cost of living in Canada during August, bringing the total gain to 13.8 per cent since the war started, was reported today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

During August the cost-of-living index, based on essential commodities Canadians have to buy, rose from 113.7 on Aug. 1 to 114.7 on Sept. 2.

On this index is based the cost of living bonus payments authorized under the Federal wartime wages policy, which provides that in addition to "fair and reasonable" wages the cost-of-living bonus may be paid at the rate of $1.25 a week for each five point rise in the cost-of-living index to safeguard workers against increases in the cost of basic necessities.

Provision was made that the bonus should be paid in the first instance only if the cost of living rose by five per cent and thereafter when further five per cent gains were recorded and three months had elapsed since the last previous determination of the amount of the bonus.

Were every point gain in the cost of living index matched with an in-

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Hard experience Fails to daunt N. B. Seaman

DALHOUSIE, N. B., Oct. 6—(CP)—It takes more than one hard experience to daunt Edward Hubert, 18, a seaman.

He was on watch one night recently, he wrote his parents here, when a torpedo crashed into his freighter in the North Atlantic.

Within a few minutes the flame-enveloped ship went down. The crewmen who managed to reach a lifeboat drifted for "several" days before a destroyer picked them up. There was no specific mention of any loss of life.

Young Hubert signed aboard another merchantman.

John Curtin Heads New Gov't In Australia

CANBERRA, Oct. 6—(CP)—John Curtin, leader of the Labor party, today became Australia's new Prime Minister, taking upon himself also the office of Defence Co-ordinator and naming 20 men to hold other cabinet posts.

Membership of the cabinet was chosen by ballot at a party caucus in accordance with Labor party rules and Mr. Curtin distributed the portfolios after the ballot had been taken.

At the same time he named an inner war cabinet of seven men, including himself. The others are:—

Army Minister Francis Forde, Attorney General Herbert Evatt who also holds the External Affairs portfolio, Treasurer J. B. Chifley, Supply Minister John Beasley, Navy Minister J. M. Making who also has charge of Munitions, and Air Minister A. S. Drakeford.

Mr. Curtin, 56 years old and a former newspaperman, succeeds Arthur Fadden who resigned last Friday after his Coalition government was defeated 36-33 on a vote of confidence hinged technically on consideration of the budget.

The new prime minister, serving his first term in his new office, was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1928. He became leader of the Federal Labor party and leader of the House of Opposition in October, 1935.

Goes to enlist; Killed on road

GLACE BAY, N. S., Oct. 28—(CP)—James H. Wilton went to Sydney to enlist in the army tonight and the 12-mile trip cost him his life.

Wilton, 34, was standing by the roadside to hitch a ride back to Glace Bay when he was struck by a car driven by Edgar Muggah of Glace Bay. He was killed almost instantly.

PREMIER KING VISITS QUEBEC

OTTAWA, Oct. 6 —(CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King left Ottawa tonight for a visit to Quebec, where he will see the governor-general and inspect some war industries plants. He will return to Ottawa Thursday.