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ARMORED BATTLE ERUPTS ON DESERT FRONT

Hunt On For Parachutists In N. Y. State Entire Fate Of Egypt May Be In Balance

Reds May Be Slowing Fierce German Drive

Report Nazi Losses 900,000 In Last Two Months; Russian Losses Said 399,000.

Anti-Axis Argentines Demonstrate

Buenos Aires, July 16 (AP)—Anti-Axis Argentines demonstrated today for democracy today at the funeral of their beloved ex-President Roberto Ortiz, called for a break with the Axis over unresisted U-boat warfare and published an expose charging Argentina is a "minefield" of Axis intrigue with government connivance. Thousands turned out, despite rain, and cheered for the idea of democracy at the passing of the corpse of the president who had preached the policies of Pan-Americanism, freedom and opposition to Hitlerism. Ortiz died early yesterday, three weeks after having given up because of his health—all hope of retaining the presidency from Ramon S. Castillo, who succeeded him as acting president late in June and who, in his entire tenure, has espoused a "policy of prudences" which maintains relations with the Axis.

Canuck Airwomen In Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., July 16 (CP Cable)—The first draft of 24 Canadian airwomen, members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division, arrived in Newfoundland and will be stationed at group headquarters. They are under the command of Lt. Col. J. G. Dunbar, previously posted at Moncton, N. B., and Cpl. Isabel Smallwood of Vancouver.

\$100,000 Fire At Truro, Much Lumber Lost

TRURO, N. S., July 16 (CP)—Soldiers and civilians joined in a fire brigade today to bring under control a huge fire which destroyed two buildings and 3,000,000 board feet of dry lumber of the Spencer Brothers and Turner Limited woodworking plant and burned a half-mile to level and farmhouse and barn on the Salmon River road. Fanned by a brisk breeze, the fire threatened a number of homes less than 100 feet from the burning lumber yard, but the combined efforts of some 200 firefighters, including the regular fire department, the Truro military camp, the A. B. P. auxiliary fire force and volunteer civilians, prevented the fire from spreading in that direction. In addition to the buildings and lumber destroyed, the fire burnt out the main Halifax-Moncton telegraph lines, disrupting communication for almost an hour. Halifax and Moncton are routed. G. H. Bedwin, manager of the Spencer plant which manufactures doors, sashes and other wood products, was away from Truro when the fire occurred and no authoritative estimate of the damage was available. Unofficial sources, however, expressed belief it might reach \$100,000. One of the company buildings destroyed was a new combined

Want Firemen From Maritimes

HALIFAX, July 16 (CP)—Until the Canadian overseas fire-fighters corps has more representatives from the Maritimes, the corps cannot be sent to the Maritimes, he said. "Now we don't want to call this an Ontario corps or a British Columbia corps, but we can't really call it a Canadian unit until we have more men from the Maritimes." Officer Barber himself has volunteered 23 years after spending 23 years with the Halifax Fire Department. He told how the superior fire fighting in the Maritimes is the result of the "blitz" had led to the request that Canadian volunteers in numbers for this work. Lack of publicity he said was probably the cause of the Maritimes' poor response. "The firefighters have the very best of pay. The very best of instruction. We don't clean their teeth and clean their boots for them but we do practically everything else." Officers that the corps would be split up in separate sections on reaching England were unfounded, he said. "The corps received from Britain that the corps would be kept intact. "If anyone wants a quick trip to England to do his bit, we can guarantee," declared Officer Barber, "that he will get there six weeks after he has been accepted."

Coming Events

- Talkies—Souris Monday, 7-15-31.
- Dance Kelly's Cross Hall to-night, 7-17-11.
- Rollo Bay Tea Wednesday, July 22, 7-17-41.
- Talkies—Montague Friday and Saturday, "Navy Blues," 7-15-31.
- Due to arrive car bulk freight. Book now. McGuigan & Day, 7-8-11.
- Dance in St. James Hall, Summerside, Friday, July 17th, auspices of W. L., 7-6-21.
- Car bulk Wheat unloading Friday July 17 Saturday, July 18, Sunday, July 20. Same price list. Write bags. Dillon & Spillet.
- Dance, New Perth Hall, July 17th Webster's Orchestra. Donation 7-17-11.
- "Dying to Live." See this lively farce on July 17th with the Island Amateurs at Crapaud, 8:30 P. M., 7-15-17.

R.A.F. Makes First Daylight Raid On Ruhr

LONDON, July 16 (CP)—The Royal Air Force made its first daylight raid on the Ruhr today and sank attacked targets in northwest Germany and occupied Holland.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRK L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
A meagre gleam of hope that the German offensive in the Don Basin is losing some of its momentum and may be halted is reflected in Moscow press advices. They make no effort, however, to conceal the extreme gravity of the situation or the imminent danger of a German breakthrough to the Volga down the Don-Donets gateway. Russian censorship policy, that even seems distrustful of revealing too intimate a picture of the growing crisis to Washington and London authorities, makes no bones of letting American and British correspondents paint it in darkest colors.

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Roads Blocked Off As Search Is Continued

Six Parachutes Reported Seen Near Roosevelt's Hyde Park Estate.

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Two Prominent Men Run Afoul of Blackout Rules

OTTAWA, July 16 (CP)—Air Marshal L. S. Bredner, chief of air staff, and Munitions Minister Howe ran afoul of the law today for alleged infractions of blackout regulations.

Report Crops Growing Well

MONTREAL, July 16 (CP)—Exceptionally favorable weather conditions have been maintained in the prairie provinces and wheat crops are heavy to medium. The Bank of Montreal telegraphic crop survey covering the past week reports today.

Provide For Loss To Sugar Retailers

OTTAWA, July 16 (CP)—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board said tonight that effective immediately, retailers replenishing their sugar stocks will be required to turn over only 98 percent of their wholesale supplies for every 100-pound bag of sugar.

Rumored Argentine Freighter Torpedoed

LISBON, July 17 (Friday) (CP)—Unconfirmed reports were received here today that the 2,991-ton Argentine freighter, *Argentina*, had been torpedoed and sunk off the Portuguese coast by an Axis submarine among its 1,100 passengers and 39 crew members.

Hong Kong Report Debate

OTTAWA, July 16 (CP)—The debate on the Hong Kong Commission report probably will come up in the House of Commons next week and one prominent member said today he proposed to make the material contained in the letter of the Vichy government simultaneously with a protest against the assignment of two United States military representatives to the fighting French committee of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

War Insurance Bill Passed By Senate

OTTAWA, July 16 (CP)—The Senate today gave its second reading to the government's war risk insurance bill and referred it to the banking and commerce committee. At the conclusion of today's sitting the Upper House adjourned to Tuesday, July 21.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden - Leave 9:25 a.m.
1:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:55 p.m.
a.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:10 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Cape Tormention - 11:00 (May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive)
Leave Borden 8:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m.
Leave Tormention 10:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m.
P. E. I.-N. S. FERRY SERVICE
Leave Wood Islands 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3 p.m.
Leave Caribou 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown-Summerside-Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 6:35 a.m.; 12:45 p.m.
Leave Summerside 7:10 a.m.; 1:20 p.m.
Leave Moncton 11 a.m.; and 6:10 p.m.
Daily except Sunday.