

# SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM CAUSES DAMAGE

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It is good when one who bears an honorable name bears it honorably.

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# FRENCH REGAIN LOSSES

## PRINCE COUNTY AREAS ARE HARD HIT

### Several Buildings Are Burned When Hit by Lightning in Severe Storm.

The western section of Prince Edward Island was recovering last night from one of the most violent electrical storms in memory. Central Bonaventure and Pictou areas, a few miles southeast of Summerside were hardest hit. There a trail of burned and damaged buildings extended for several miles. Several older residents in Prince County claimed the storm was the worst in almost half a century. The severe electric storm which was general in Prince County in the early hours of Thursday morning lasted until after noon caused considerable damage around Summerside and surrounding districts. At the northwest of Summerside Mr. Ernest Darby's farm house was struck and the chimney split down but no very serious damage was done. The house at Cedar Park Ranch in the same vicinity had the electric light lead in damaged by lightning. At Norborne one of two barns of Mr. John Andrew was burned to the ground. The barn was a fair size and contained a threshing and grain crusher also a large quantity of fertilizer. It was only by strenuous efforts of the neighbors that the large barn was saved from destruction. A cell on the farm of George Jardine at Freetown was killed by lightning. The storm began at daybreak and raged at intervals until early afternoon. It was accompanied by torrential rains and in some sections by hail. Every district of the province experienced the storm but in some areas it was comparatively mild. A few miles away a building owned by Mr. Sterling Miller on the Calvin Road, near Wilnot was reported to have been burned. It could not be learned immediately whether it was a dwelling or a barn. There is no telephone connection with the district. Central Bonaventure was struck by a bolt which tore two holes in the steeple and did other damage. There was no fire.

Bedoune the building owned by Mr. Walter Bowness was struck but no fire started. The electrical discharge entered the house either from the electric light line or on the radio wires. It was believed it wrecked the radio and broke four panes of glass from windows in the same room. Mr. Bowness was in the room at the time the bolt struck. He had just returned from hospital. Upstairs in the same house another pane of glass was broken from a window. Mrs. Bowness was at the store the farm house was a short distance from the welling.

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## War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

JUNE 7, 1915—Naval hero, Rear Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, was reported to have been killed at 6:00 p.m. in the first successful attack by a submarine. German troops forced the Dneiper River at Zaturvno, France, advanced in the Aisne trench, killing 2,000 Germans.

## Coming Events

Springbrook players present "The Adventure," New London, June 10th. Proceeds, Institute. L-345-6-7-21.  
B.Y.P.U. play at Afton Hall responded to Friday, June 7. L-347.  
Dance, Afton Hall, Friday, June 7. L-317-6-7-11.  
Dance in Donagh School Friday night June 7th. L-246.  
L. O. B. Cake Sale at Holman's aid of Red Cross, Saturday, June 7. L-332-6-7-11.  
Harrington Hall tonight, Wilt-Players in "Arrival of Kitty," pieces Harrington W. I. L-308-6-7-11.  
Barred Rock Puffets for sale. We supply lower prices on the following: E. I. Co. Creative Chick Hatchery. L-24-5-20-51.

## Egypt Keeps Sharp Watch

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, June 6 (CP)—The Egyptian government kept a sharp eye turned toward Rome tonight for an indication of Premier Mussolini's war attitude and completed plans for wholesale removal of families from Cairo and Alexandria in event of an emergency. Egyptians were urged "not to wait until the last moment" before seeking places of safety. Newspapers speculated on whether Mussolini would make "indecipherable" demands upon the Allies in a speech.

## Cancer Specialist Dies

OPAWENTON, Pa., June 6 (AP)—Dr. Samuel James Watersworth, 63, widely known cancer specialist, died of a heart ailment today.



With the heroic evacuation of Dunkirk completed, June 3, the Nazis next move southward against the Somme-Aisne-Oise front, and Gen. Weygand was said to be disposing his forces in re-dress for an attack. The French scored successes between Amiens and Abbeville (3) and repulsed local attacks west of St. Quentin (2). Attacks were expected on the Aisne (5) and near Bethel (4). Artillery and combat planes were active from Bethel eastward (5).

## U. S. NAVY PLANES SOLD TO ALLIES

### Fifty Machines Made Available in Turn-in Deal with Company.

WASHINGTON, June 6 (CP)—The United States navy tonight made 50 of its warplanes available for immediate sale to the Allies. Whether this move would be followed by other assistance to the hard-pressed British and French forces was not officially announced but it was known that the United States government, which has received urgent pleas from the allied capitals, is considering selling surplus material left over from the first Great War, including rifles, machine guns, artillery and ammunition. Navy officials said that the 50 planes were Curtiss scout bombers, single-engine seaplanes acquired by the navy in the last two years and especially adapted to dive bombing. They said the planes were being flown to Buffalo, N. Y., to be turned in to the Curtiss Airplane company on future deliveries of new planes of a "superior" type, equipped with leak-proof tanks and armor. The company will be free to sell the turned-in planes to the Allies. The announcement said that the planes being turned in were from "various naval aviation reserve squadrons." The navy said the turn-in was in (Continued on page 9, Col 1)

## Britons Fill Gaps in Civil Defence Service

LONDON, June 6 (CP CABLE)—Sir John Anderson, Minister of Home Security, today launched a sweeping drive to strengthen civil defenses with the object of "requiting Hitler's dividends when the bombers come." Pointing out that "bombing has begun," the Minister made a national appeal for auxiliary firemen, policemen, nurses and other air raid precautions personnel not only to fill gaps in the already large forces but to form a reserve for the replacement of casualties. "There are hundreds of thousands who have not taken their place in civil defence service," Sir John said. "It may well be the testing time is upon us."

## Italy Ordered To Stand Ready For War Call

ROME, June 6 (AP)—Fascist Italy was quietly ordered tonight to be prepared for nation-wide mass meetings at any time to hear Mussolini's decision on war, presumably at the side of Germany, her axis partner. Instructions went out to all branches of the Fascist party, including children's and women's organizations, to be ready to don uniforms at any time for nation-wide mass meetings to hear Mussolini announce, perhaps, that the nation which fought at the side of the Allies in the last war now is at war against them. The party members were told the rally would be held on a few minutes' notice to avoid giving the potential enemy any unnecessary warning. In Rome it would take place in the historic Piazza Venezia where Mussolini, from the balcony of his palace announced the Ethiopian war. There was no indication when Mussolini would speak. Such quiet readiness orders as were given out tonight sometimes come days or even weeks ahead of time, the latter being the case in 1935, when Italy invaded Ethiopia. (An Alexandria dispatch said newspapers there were speculating on the possibility of a Mussolini speech tonight, but the Rome dispatch gave no indication this might be so. Egyptian newspapers expected "indecipherable" denials.) (Continued on page 9, Col 5)

## Reynaud Tells Of Confidence In Allied Victory

### Declares German Dream Will Break Against French Resistance.

PARIS, June 6 (AP)—Premier Paul Reynaud, speaking to the people of France tonight, declared that "hundreds" of German tanks had been destroyed in the Nazi offensive on the Somme, and added solemnly: "The dream of German hegemony in Europe is going to break against French resistance." The Premier, who has revised his cabinet, taking the supreme command of the war effort himself, announced that his war cabinet was reduced from 11 members to eight. They are Reynaud, his Vice Premier, Marshal Henri Petain; Camille Chautemps, Louis Marin, Jean Ybarnegaray, Georges Mandel, Georges Monnet and Raoul Dautry. Raising his voice but once—to praise the heroic resistance of the Allied troops in Flanders—Reynaud spoke of the times when he had been forced to bring bad news to the Republic, and that this time he could give reasons for hope in a final victory. These, he said, were the three facts: The escape of the French and British troops in Flanders. The failure of the German bombing raid on Paris to break civilian morale. The development of the battle on the Somme—a battle which he declared, on the authority of General Maxime Weygand, is going satisfactorily for the French. He mentioned especially General Weygand's new defence system against the German motorized units, saying that it was this defence that had destroyed hundreds of them along the Somme. Speaking of the air attack on Paris, he said France would reply in kind to every such raid. "The soldiers of 1940," he declared, "have proved themselves equal to the soldiers of 1914." Will Smash German Hopes (Continued on page 9, Col 4)

## GERMAN RAIL SYSTEM STRUCK HARD BLOWS

R. A. F. and French Planes Battle the Enemy Furiously. LONDON, June 6 (CP)—The Royal Air Force and their French companions today fought furiously against the Germans attacking in northern France, bombing communication lines and stores and fighting German planes. The French air force, which is engaged in a methodical destruction of the railway system throughout the Rhineland announced a bag Wednesday of 36 German planes, brought down by French fighters and anti-aircraft defences. Today another 40 were shot down, and the French air ministry, in a communique issued tonight, said that 150 tons of explosives were showered on the attacking enemy front "as well as behind his lines." The communique said the assault air force has been harassing the (Continued on page 9, Col 4)

## Killed When Hit By Train

SAINT JOHN, N.B., June 6 (CP)—Ronald Dunphy, 18, of Saint John, was killed this afternoon when a passenger train struck a car he was driving at Renfrew, seven miles from here. Identity of the victim was unknown for a time, and it was first believed that the man killed was Vernon Dunphy, father of Ronald. The train was en route to Moncton from Saint John. Canadian National Railway officials expressed opinion that the car driver apparently failed to hear or see the train.

## Drive Germans Back In Fierce Counter-attacks

### Enemy Armoured Divisions Pushed Way Into French Defences At Two Points In Yesterday's Battle.

PARIS, June 6 (CP)—Stubbornly fighting French troops, thrown back on their right and their left flanks by a savage German offensive along the Somme and Aisne, launched counter-attacks at dusk and the struggle was reported continuing into the night. MAIN FRENCH THRUST The main French counter thrust was launched against the German vanguard which pushed down the coast from the mouth of the Somme to the Bresle River, a distance of about 17 miles, and the Germans were reported to have begun retreating immediately. The thrust was in the area between Aumale, 25 miles east of the English Channel and Eu and Trevori, where the Bresle empties into the Channel. Another counter-attack was launched on the right or east flank where the German infantry, preceded by masses of tanks and supported by artillery, had pushed south from the Ailette River in the Soissons sector and taken a foothold in the ridge of Chemin-des-Dames just north of the Aisne, scene of fierce fighting in the last war. French troops in the gathering darkness, stormed the new German positions. The French counter-thrusts took advantage of the German practice of relaxing their pressure at night. In the German thrusts, before which the French recoiled earlier today at both ends of the Weygand line, 2,000 tanks were used. The roar of the battle could be heard 30 miles behind the line—in places almost half-way to Paris. DEFENSE MAGNIFICENT The French defence was described as "magnificent" by the high command, which, however, acknowledged the withdrawals made necessary by the Nazi attacks. French dive bombers, using the German stuka technique, screamed down against Nazi objectives. Several hundred tanks were destroyed by air and ground attacks. Cannon-carrying planes skimmed the ground to get at their mechanized prey. German forces made maximum gains of six to seven miles on the lower Somme and the Ailette canal, a military spokesman said, but at no point succeeded in penetrating beyond the depth of the defence system. French snort shot down 40 German planes. On the west flank the German advance elements had made a march of almost 17 miles from the region of Abbeville to the Bresle River along the channel coast as part of a southwestward encircling movement which, however, did not put that invading wing any nearer to Paris. It did take the Nazis approximately within 75 miles of Le Havre. On the east, Nazi troops advanced six miles to the Aisne Heights, within 60 or 70 miles of this ancient capital—a capital which tonight reflected a more and more warlike atmosphere. Watch For Parachutists Militiamen, with red, white and blue arm bands and armed with rifles, stood at the alert in the (Continued on page 9, Col 3)

## Child Dies After Accident

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., June 6 (CP)—Albert Warner, nine-year-old son of Mrs. Charles Warner, MacLeans Brook, near here, died in hospital today of injuries received yesterday when he and his six-year-old brother Hugh, were struck by a truck. Hospital officials said Hugh was doing well. A coroner's jury found that death was due to being struck by a truck driven at a rate of speed which caused the vehicle to be out of control at the time of the accident. Driver of the truck was 17-year-old Anfred Johnson of New Glasgow.

## NAZI PLANES FLY OVER BRITISH ISLES

LONDON, June 6 (CP)—German planes flew at a great height over three eastern counties late tonight. One circled a northeast coastal town but made off after bursts of anti-aircraft fire were directed at it. The planes flew over Yorkshire, Suffolk and Lincolnshire and air raid warnings were sounded in all three counties. Searchlights were switched on and anti-aircraft batteries went to work. No serious damage was reported from the raids which caused alarms from Durham County in the northeast to the southeastern tip of the island along a seaboard of 250 miles. No one was killed when the bombs fell near the Lincolnshire town but three workmen were injured. The bombs fell about 40 minutes before an air raid warning was given. In a Hampshire town searchlights picked out an airplane flying high over the district. The plane dropped flares and made off when caught by the beam and anti-aircraft fire opened up. Off the southeast coast blobs of light suddenly burst in the sky, then dove to the sea as if planes had been hit. A number of windows were broken in the Lincolnshire town where the three were injured. Besides Lincolnshire in the northeast and Hampshire, southwest of London, air raid alarms were sounded in the coastal counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Yorkshire, East Anglia and in Durham, west of Lincolnshire. Most of the alarms were over after an hour or an hour and a half, but in Suffolk and Norfolk, north of the Thames, the all clear signal was not given until after three hours. Then numerous colored flares were seen in the sky.

## Very Finest Quality "SALADA" TEA

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NEARLY HIT BY BOMB A bomb fell within six feet of William Holt, United States ambassador, but did not explode, during German air raid on Paris, June 3. The ambassador was about to leave Paris in a motorcade near the United States embassy.

## N. Y. Paper Praises French

NEW YORK, June 7 (CP)—The New York Times, in an editorial captioned "France undaunted," said today that whatever the mistakes of the past "there can be nothing but admiration for the stand France is making today." "The spirit of France was not terrorized yesterday by the roar of Hitler's tanks and dive bombers along the Somme," said the paper. "It spoke in immortal language in the resistance of the French army, outnumbered but undaunted. . . . When the enemy hatters at the gates, France shows the iron that is in her soul. She has never shown it more superbly than in the last 48 hours."

## REAL PEOPLE ARE NEVER 'SWELL'



TORONTO, June 6 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	43	65
Vancouver	51	69
Edmonton	38	64
Regina	40	63
Winnipeg	57	73
Toronto	52	71
Ottawa	53	77
Montreal	56	78
Quebec	52	71
Saint John	52	64
Halifax	40	61
Charlottetown	50	68

## Saint John Man Heads United Church Conference

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 6 (CP)—Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett, Saint John, was elected president of the Maritime conference of the United Church and installed into office tonight. He succeeded Rev. Dr. H. S. B. Stroud, Lunenburg, N. S. Dr. Bartlett, a graduate of Mt. Allison University and Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, served at Sydney, N. S., Halifax and Fredericton before being called to Saint John.

## THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 4:45 P.M.  
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:15 P.M., 6:20 P.M.  
(Atlantic Standard Time)