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RUSSIAN ARMY WITHIN 20 MILES OF VYAZMA

Heavy Allied Air Offensive Is Renewed

H.M.C.S. WEYBURN SUNK RECENTLY IN MEDITERRANEAN

Canadian Corvette Sunk With Loss Of Seven Lives; Two Island Seamen Among Survivors.

Ottawa, March 8.—(CP)—Sinking of the Canadian corvette H.M.C.S. Weyburn in the Mediterranean, with the loss of seven lives, was announced with regret last night by the Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, minister of National Defence for Naval Services.

In addition, Mr. Macdonald said, five patrol ratings are at military hospital in Gibraltar listed as "dangerously injured" and one "seriously injured." More than 50 of the crew survived the sinking.

First reports indicated that the ship had struck a mine in the Gibraltar area. Later, however, Allied planes reported spotting a submarine in the vicinity of the sinking.

H.M.C.S. Weyburn was the second Canadian corvette lost in the Mediterranean in the past month and the twelfth Canadian ship cas-

Bomb Key Rail Points In France

Daylight Attacks Pro- bably Followed Up At Night.

LONDON, March 8.—(CP)—Waves of R.A.F. heavy bombers roared across the straits of Dover to the continent for the first time last night and soon afterwards Axis radio stations went off the air.

The R.A.F. attacks tonight followed a two-night lull in the bombing of the Axis war machine in Europe.

LONDON, March 8.—(CP)—American heavy bombers, escorted by Canadian and British fighters, renewed the offensive against Germany's U-boat menace by daylight today by hammering the key French railway points of Rennes and Rouen and shooting down more than a score of enemy fighters in the first concentrated operations by allied air units since Saturday.

Four bombers and two fighters were reported missing in the dual attack, the fifth daylight raid on the continent by the United States Army Air Force in 11 days.

The German version of the raids as broadcast by the Berlin radio was that the raiders were over France for 1 1/2 hours and that six of them, including "four-engine bombers," were shot down.

Danish radio stations went off the air shortly before 10 p.m. suggesting that R.A.F. night bombers had taken up the daylight where the daylight raiders left off. The German Deutscheslandsender went off the air at 10:20 p.m.

Rennes is an important submarine supply centre and junction on the railroad lines running to Hitler's U-boat bases at Lorient, St. Nazaire and Brest, as well as to the port of Cherbourg. Rouen is located 10 miles northeast of Rennes and is on the main line between Paris and Le Havre.

A communique issued jointly by U.S. Army Air Force headquarters and the Air Ministry said the bombers attacked Rennes "successfully" despite strong enemy opposition and overcame "very strong" fighter opposition to bomb their objectives at Rouen.

Weather conditions were described as "very good" over both targets, but the communique said the en-

War Situation Last Night

(Beginning today the daily column "Interpreting The War News" will be written by Glenn Babb, whose byline over analytical articles and foreign news stories has long appeared in Canadian Press and Associated Press member newspapers. Kirke Simpson, who had written the Column since the beginning of the war, has been assigned by the Associated Press to other duties on the Washington news front.)

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press Staff Analyst

Rommel and Von Arnim, fighting primarily to disrupt the Casablanca schedule for their destruction as a preliminary to invasion of Europe, have struck three times in the last three weeks against the Allied lines in Tunisia.

In the first two assaults, in the centre and north, they gained both territory and time. The territory was of little permanent value and much of it already has been abandoned. But the time they gained cannot be recovered.

In the third and weightiest blow, at the southern end of the front, Rommel appears to have won neither. The fury of his attack and the completeness of his failure suggest two things; that he knew his opponent rapidly was completing preparations for the big drive and wanted to knock him off balance; that his opponent was fully ready for him, stopped him cold and still is in position to pass swiftly to the offensive.

The fighting of the last three weeks leaves Rommel's situation fundamentally unchanged. He still is the commander of a beleaguered fortress who has no real hope that the siege can be lifted. His mission is to survive as long as possible and give his master across the Mediterranean a few more precious weeks to put armor on what the Allies have been fondly calling the soft underside of Europe.

Inasmuch as time has been gained for these undertakings Rommel and his colleague scored a measure of success in their thrusts against the American troops in central Tunisia and the British forces near the coast in the north. But his repulse by Montgomery suggests that Rommel has achieved all he could hope for from his tactics of surprise sorties. The week-end sortie from the Mareth line was a costly failure. The comparative ease with which it was held, then thrown back with heavy Axis losses, indicates that Montgomery had fully taken the measure of his old adversary, just as he did in Egypt. The week-end developments leave the British commander in better situation than ever for the big push that can not be much longer delayed and which may equal the thrust of El Alamein in its crushing power and far-reaching strategic results.

Wave Of Unrest Sweeping France

LONDON, March 8.—(CP)—A battle in the streets of Paris between German strikers and French patriots, the killing of 23 German officers by guerrillas at Lille and four attacks on Nazi-occupied buildings during the last three days were reported tonight by the Fighting French.

A wave of unrest was reported sweeping France as the Gestapo and Vichy police attempted to round up 400,000 French workers to fulfil Hitler's demand for the Pierre Laval's promises to Hitler.

Conservative Conference At Ottawa This Week

Ottawa, March 8.—(CP)—Important discussions on the organization of the Progressive Conservative Party under the leadership of John Bracken are to take place this week when Conservatives from all parts of Canada gather in Ottawa.

They will attend the first meeting of the reconstituted Dominion Conservative Association since the Winnipeg convention of last December which selected Mr. Bracken as leader and changed the party name from "National Conservative" to "Progressive Conservative." The meeting will take place March 12 and 13.

While technically the organization is still called "Dominion Conservative Association," officials expect its meeting will follow the decision made at the party convention and endorse a change in name to "Dominion Progressive Conservative Association" or some similar title.

The association, under the constitution laid down for it at Winnipeg, consists of the leader of the party, Mr. Bracken; Provincial Conservative leaders, the Dominion chairman in charge of organization, one official organizer from each province, presidents of provincial associations, presidents and secretaries of young Conservatives and women's Conservative organizations, a number of representatives from each province and representatives of the Parliamentary caucus, at least two of whom are to be Senators.

Fate Of Big German Base Seen Sealed

8,000 Enemy Troops Killed In Two- Day Battle; 310 Tanks And 22 Locomotives Captured.

LONDON, March 8.—(CP)—Forging a ring of encirclement around the German base of Vyazma, the Russians tonight announced the capture of the rail town of Sychevka after a stubborn battle of two days in which 8,000 of the enemy fell dead before a furious Red Army onslaught.

Latest reports to London indicated the Red Army had pushed to within 20 miles of Vyazma from the direction of captured Czhatk, which is 35 miles to the northwest. Military observers said the Russians appeared to have already sealed the fate of Vyazma.

The town lies 36 miles north of Vyazma and the same distance south of recaptured Rzhev on a railway linking those two cities which for many months had been strong-points in the German positions before Moscow, now crumbling away.

The booty was impressive and the list belied an earlier German assertion that Sychevka had been evacuated without opposition in accordance with German plans for shortening their lines.

A special communique, broadcast Monday night by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the Soviet Monitor, said the material captured included 310 tanks, 22 railway locomotives, 40 guns, eight planes, 250 machine-guns and 216 railway cars and fuel cars.

Advances by two columns swinging down upon Vyazma were reported in the midnight communique, hourly increasing the peril to Vyazma.

As to Timoshenko's northwestern front, the midnight communique reported that a Soviet guard unit captured strongly fortified enemy positions, wiping out a battalion of German infantry in one engagement.

But the greatest danger for the Germans appeared to lie at the moment on the central front.

Farther south in the mud bog of the Donets Basin, the fighting was reported raging in the region southwest of Voroschilovgrad, where the Germans have claimed recent successes.

Plane Lands On Drift Ice Off Souris

MONTREAL, March 8.—(CP)—The Royal Air Force Ferry Command announced tonight that a twin-engine plane had made a successful forced landing on an ice floe half a mile off Souris, P.E.I., without injury to her three-man crew.

The plane reported herself in trouble and then her radio went dead. Hastily-organized search parties arrived at the water's edge on a basis and took proper care of the crew members, their home town unknown, were PO. B.B. Janas, a Pole, Sgt. H. Corcoran, a Canadian, and Radio Officer S.N. Bowlin, an American.

Presbyterian Minister Begins Maritime Tour

SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 8.—(CP)—Starting a Maritime tour in the interest of a campaign to raise half a million dollars for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Dr. J.G. Inkster, Toronto, preached in two Saint John churches yesterday. The purpose of the fund is to place the church on a sound financial basis and take proper care in leadership in the post-war world.

Dr. Inkster will leave tomorrow for Halifax and will also visit Sydney, New Glasgow, Pictou, Truro, Sackville, Summerside, Charlottetown, Bathurst, Dalhousie and Campbellton.

Six Attacks By Rommel Are Repulsed

Allies Make Local Gains In North; Enemy Has Heavy Losses.

By Harold V. Boyle, Associated Press Staff Writer

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, March 8.—(AP)—The defeat by the British 8th army of a series of six assaults by Marshal Rommel in Southern Tunisia and the recapture by the Allies of the initiative in the northern sector, where several local gains were made, were announced today.

Rommel's first serious attacks against Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's veterans in front of the Axis-held Mareth line had been broken with considerable losses for him — tanks and armoured cars destroyed in actions of Saturday 33 enemy tanks were destroyed without loss of a single British tank and by yesterday afternoon both his tanks and infantry had been forced to retreat to the north and northwest of Medenine.

"Round one is over," said an Allied military informant, "and round two has been won by the 8th army."

The small advances made by the Allies in the north were not described in detail by the Allied command.

In the central sector only patrol activity was reported. It was learned that in this area American troops in two sorties had captured 95 Italians about 20 miles west of Gafsa. At Pichon however, other American patrols withdrew to the west to avoid heavy Axis fire from the hills north and south of the town.

French forces were reported in a French communique broadcast by the Algiers radio and recorded by the Associated Press to have occupied the town of Redeyef, above the Chott Rarsa 12 miles east of the Algerian frontier and about 30 miles west of Gafsa.

Heavy Allied air action continued. Aside from participating strongly in the attacks that drove

Heated Debate In Commons Yesterday

By C. E. Blackburn
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, March 8.—(CP)—During a heated debate in the House of Commons this afternoon Prime Minister Mackenzie King declared that he would support demand for an investigation by any member who would make on his own responsibility any charges of government extravagance.

But, he added, the charges would have to be made by the member and not merely on the basis of published reports of allegations by a public officer, allegations which had not been proven correct.

Members hotly debated an opposition demand to have the public accounts committee examine all expenditures up to the end of February, and call Col. John Thompson, director of government economy control.

Speaker King's ruling against the opposition move to amend Mr. King's motion to submit the auditor-general's report for the year

Weyburn One Of Most Gallant Escort Ships

Rescued Nearly 200 Merchant Seamen; Believed To Have Sunk Enemy U-Boats.

By STANLEY MANTROP
Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO, March 8.—(CP)—The loss of the Canadian corvette Weyburn, announced by naval headquarters today, brought to a close the career of one of Canada's most gallant little escort ships.

Nearly 200 merchant mariners were rescued and the Weyburn's intrepid crew and more than one enemy U-boat, ended her days under the bursting depth charges of this little escort ship during submarine attacks on United Nations shipping in the St. Lawrence River and off the Canadian east coast.

Shortly before the Weyburn sailed on her last convoy trip, crewmen told of her adventures at sea—how she had aided the rescue of merchant seamen to her regular convoy duties.

They told of the gallantry of her officers during a heliose United Nations freighter who had all but

Zurich Has Raid Alert

House Applauds As Messages Read

LONDON, March 9.—(Tuesday)—(CP)—Zurich, Switzerland, had an air raid alert at 11:30 last night, Reuters News Agency reported early today.

Jap Airpower Growing In South Pacific

Would Ration Civilian Travel

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 9.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—A strong force of Japanese bombers sank a small Allied merchant ship yesterday, emphasizing official warnings that Japanese airpower is growing in the southwest Pacific, while in land fighting 92 survivors of the enemy convoy smashed in the Bismarck Sea have been killed or captured on New Guinea and Goodenough Island, the Allied high command reported today.

Nine bombers escorted by 13 Zeros swept over the little village coast of Buna on the New Guinea coast in broad daylight to send the cargo vessel to the bottom.

A spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commenting on published reports from the United States halting the heavy superiority of Allied airmen in this area as a result of the enemy air force should not be underestimated.

"Japanese air forces are increasing in strength here notwithstanding past losses and defeats. His planes are good and so far are his fliers. Any disparaging discount of rec't but dangerous."

Fifty-five Japanese survivors of the sinking in the Bismarck Sea drifted ashore between Longani and Wangiela, two small native villages south of Buna, New Guinea.

All were killed or captured, the communique said.

Attack Jap River Shipping

NEW DELHI, March 8.—(CP)—Allied air attacks against Japanese river shipping, a bridge and other installations were reported today. The Japanese were said to have flown over the Rathedaug area, 25 miles northwest of their base at Akra.

R. A. F. Blenheim made a sharp attack yesterday on the enemy base at Auklaungin, 40 miles west of Akra and "further damage was caused by fighter escorts which made low-level attacks before and after the bombings." A British communique said. Other R. A. F. fighters carried out offensive patrols in the Akra bay and one was lost.

Coming Events

- 3-8-21. "Souris, Tuesday, Free Sound Movies—2 shows.
- 3-8-21. "Racing on New Glasgow River Tuesday, March 9th.
- 3-8-21. "The Cornwall Club Boat is now held at Herbert Scott's for service.
- 3-8-21. "Jute Bags wanted. All kinds. Highest prices paid. Rex Dawson, Albany.
- 3-8-21. "Hunter River Farmers loading dressed hogs Thursday and Friday, 3-8-10-21.
- 3-8-21. "To arrive. Bulk oats and wheat. McGuigan & Boyle.
- 3-8-21. "Farmers shipping dressed hogs Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Mt. Herbert.
- 3-8-21. "Trucking hogs to Davis & Frase Thursday, March 11. Norman McKenzie, Cardigan; Keith Mackinnon, Montague.

Two Mining Groups Reject Proposed Strike

Represent One-Fifth Of 10,000 Nova Scotia Miners Involved In Move For More Butter.

GLACE BAY, N.S., March 8.—(CP)—Two of the largest United Mine Workers of America locals in Nova Scotia — Phasen and Victory locals here—tonight rejected a proposal that operations be suspended in 10 Cape Breton collieries Thursday unless the miners receive more butter and other commodities.

The proposed strike was recommended by a conference of delegates from the 12 locals, held here yesterday. The locals have a combined membership of about 10,000 men.

Though turning down the strike suggestion, Victory local recommended that a member of the U.M.W. district executive go to Ottawa to press the men's request for more food supplies.

The two Glace Bay union branches were among several in the Cape Breton area that held special meet-

Will Be Secret Session Shortly

OTTAWA, May 8.—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons this afternoon there will be a secret sitting of the House shortly to discuss matters concerning the war.

He said the decision was reached at a discussion he had with party leaders and a date would be fixed later.

The House of Commons held its first and only secret session of the year last summer.

"SALADA" COFFEE

"Now that's what I
call good coffee!"

Opening Yesterday Of The Legislature

Amendments "designed to improve still further the enforcement of the Prohibition Act" was the only legislation specifically forecast in the Speech from the Throne delivered by His Honour Lieutenant Governor B.W. LePage in opening the fourth session of the 44th General Assembly of the Province yesterday.

Military display was dispensed with at the opening, which took place at 3 p.m. After the customary formal proceedings the House adjourned to meet at 3 p.m. today.

Before the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor and party yesterday, the Speaker, Mr. W.F. Allan Stewart, took the chair and acquainted the House with the communication received from His Honour's private secretary.

On motion of Premier Campbell, seconded by Hon. Mr. McGuigan,

TO ADOPT BOY, GIRL

HOLLYWOOD, March 8.—(AP)—Morty Pickford, Toronto-born star of the silent screen, said today he and her husband, Lieut. Charles (Buddy) Rogers, have taken legal steps to adopt a six-year-old boy and take guardianship over six-months-old girl.

High tide this afternoon at 2.09 and tomorrow morning at 2.31.

- Low tide this evening at 6.58 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.23.
- First quarter moon March 18, 3.30 p.m.
- Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
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- 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—10.30 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 3.05 p.m. 5.45 p.m. 8.15 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. 5.45 p.m. 7.05 p.m.

