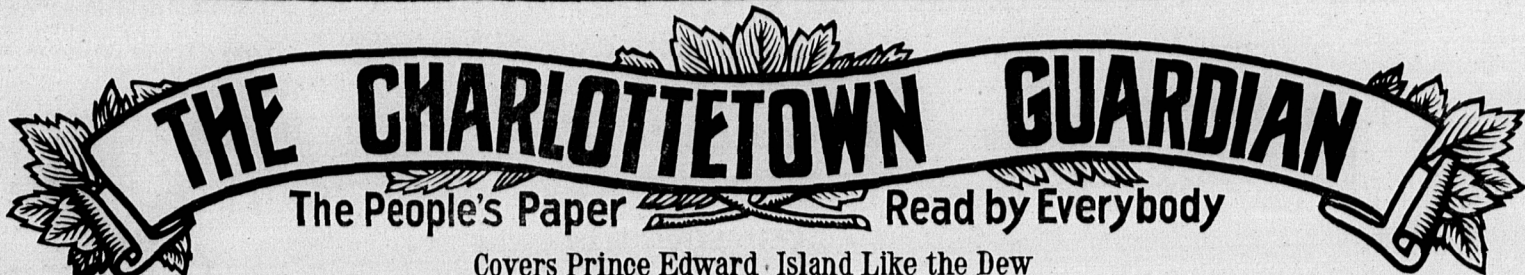


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ALLIES, NORSEMEN CONFER

Britain Wary Of Italian Activities In Mediterranean

Major Political Crisis Believed Facing Chamberlain On Home Front.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, May 5.—(CP Cable)—Great Britain cast a wary eye on Italian naval and military preparations in the Mediterranean today as Prime Minister Chamberlain prepared for its most important test in Parliament since the outbreak of the war.

In the face of candid, pointed criticism from many quarters over the government's handling of the Mediterranean campaign, the debate on the general situation was believed by observers as capable of developing into a major political crisis for Mr. Chamberlain.

Reforms Possible

It was generally agreed that the government would ride out the storm, but political observers with a long-range view suggested that new reforms might emerge.

The first was the formation of a small war cabinet of men shown of ministerial responsibilities.

The second was inclusion of Labor and Liberal representatives in the cabinet.

The third was intensification of aircraft production on something like the scale David Lloyd George proposed when the shell shortage almost led to the Allied defeat in the first great war.

These developments may not come all at once, particularly in the cabinet, it was held. At present Labor is barred from accepting any standing invitation to join the ministry by a party resolution passed in 1931 but which is scheduled to be reviewed at the annual convention in a week's time.

The feeling grew today that the House would give the government a warning.

ENEMY CARRIES AERIAL ATTACK TO FAR NORTH

Norwegian Communities Bombed—Allies Reported Closing In On Narvik.

STOCKHOLM, May 5.—(AP)—The Germans, carrying their aerial attack to the far north of Norway, where British troops are besieging the ore port of Narvik, bombed Kirkenes, on the Arctic coast near the Finnish-Peasmo district Saturday morning, the Norwegian news bureau reported today.

The agency said four bombs were dropped, but little damage was done.

The German airmen also attacked communities near Kirkenes.

The Stockholm radio quoted the Norwegian agency as reporting the capture of Roros in the Osterdal 50 miles south of Stoen, by the Germans. Last week the Germans were said to have penetrated beyond Roros but had been forced to fall back.

(German airplanes appeared over Roros during the morning and dropped six or seven bombs on the main street, but no casualties were reported as most of the civilian population had fled. The troops occupied the town during the afternoon.)

The Norwegian news agency reported broadcast in Stockholm said Norwegian detachments defeated and drove back a German force after fighting in the Osterdal Saturday, about 25 miles southeast of Stoen, which is 35 miles south of Trondheim. Two hundred Germans were reported killed.

(A Norwegian telegraph agency reported that Norwegian general headquarters had been established in northern Norway and that mobilization remained in force in Norway.)

King Haakon and his Government, who fled before the Germans when the invasion began April 9, are believed to be somewhere in the north, possibly in the Arctic area.

The German aviation corps continued active. The newspaper "Dagbladet" quoted Norwegian fliers as predicting a Nazi air offensive would be launched soon against Britain from Nazi bases established in Norway. The Norwegian aviators, using second-class equipment, said they had been awaiting the German invasion.

Refugees arriving in Sweden from Narvik Saturday brought word of Allied land units slowly closing in around the Arctic ore port, where a Nazi force weakened by three weeks of fighting, is clinging to the hills above the town.

British naval units were reported to be bombarding the port, but of this there was no confirmation.

In any event, the German forces were apparently trapped between Allied land and sea forces. Swedish military men thought it would be easy for the Allies, after

Turkish Soldiers Reported Massed On Greek Frontier

STRONG NAZI STAB AT WEST FRONT FAILS

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 5.—(AP)—Bulgarian officials said today that at least 50,000 Turkish soldiers are massed on the Turkish-Greek frontier. The officials said they were of the opinion the concentrations were "in accordance with British desires, and are connected with England's plans in the Mediterranean."

(The German News Agency, D. N. B., and the German radio were quoted in British dispatches as saying that the presence in Sofia of the British Ambassador to Turkey was being watched with the closest interest.)

(The German agencies said it was believed in political circles that negotiations were going on concerning the transit of British and French troops.)

(Such transit might be desired either to Rumania or Yugoslavia.)

Bulgarian officials expressed concern that some Turkish troops were close to the frontier in apparent disregard of a mutual agreement not to mass soldiers there.

They claimed Bulgaria had given Turkey no cause for such an action.

A struggle for Bulgarian support was reported in progress in Sofia between the German economic expert, Dr. Karl Clodius, and the British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

The nature of Clodius' representations was not known, but Sir Hugh was reported reliably to have brought a proposal embracing a big British loan and a promise of a corridor to the Aegean Sea—long wanted by Bulgaria.

Political circles in Sofia said the main object of wooing Bulgaria was to open a land route for troops to Rumania should such a necessity arise.

Admiralty Says Nazi Claims Of Sinkings Untrue

Foreign Minister Tells Norwegian People Not To "Lose Heart".

LONDON, May 5.—(CP)—Two of Norway's leaders came to Britain today for special conferences on the future of the war against Germany in Scandinavia, while the Admiralty, in a one-sentence bulletin, branded German claims of sinking a British battleship and heavy cruiser as "untrue."

"The German claim to have sunk a British battleship and a cruiser of the York class in the operations off Nampos is untrue," said the Admiralty bulletin.

It made no reference to the other claims made by the Nazis but well-informed sources Saturday night had described the German claims as "of the fantastic character to which the public is fast becoming accustomed."

Air Casualties Are Listed

LONDON, May 5.—(CP Cable)—One Canadian, Sgt. G. C. Perry, born at St. Francis, B. C., whose father lives at Revelstoke, was listed today as missing, believed killed, in the Royal Air Force's largest casualty list of this war.

Flying officer P. F. Templeman, of St. John's Nfld., badly injured when his plane was shot down over a German coastal town last March was listed with those who died of wounds received in action.

The casualty list named 20 killed in action, 26 killed on active service and 52 who died on active service. The new list brought the totals since the outbreak of war to 238 killed in action, 238 died of wounds and 456 killed on active service. 212 who died on active service and 71 who were wounded on active service.

Other totals so far are 30 wounded in action, nine missing and believed to be prisoners, eight known captured and 208 others missing.

Huge Spy Ring Said Discovered

BUDAPEST, May 5.—(AP)—A huge spy and propaganda organization, said to have been working both for France and Russia in former Czechoslovak regions and Hungary, was smashed by Hungarian authorities last week it was disclosed today.

Almost 200 persons were arrested at Kassa, Ungvár and Munkacs.

The German Gestapo furnished Hungary with information leading to the arrests, it was claimed. One German secret police agent who wormed his way into the conspiracy to betray it.

To Head No. 4 Empire Air Training Area

OTTAWA, May 5.—(CP)—Group Captain Ian Forbes Stevenson has been appointed to the command of No. 4 training command of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan with headquarters at Regina. It was announced tonight by the National Defence Department.

The department said group captain Stevenson would establish immediately the organization of training schools and depots in southwestern Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

There will be 23 units under the jurisdiction of this commanding officer.

One initial training school, seven elementary flying training schools, four service flying training schools, two air observers' schools, two bombing and gunnery schools, one wireless school, one repair depot, the entertainment depot and four recreational centres.

Group Captain Stevenson proposes to Western Canada from Toronto, where he was in command of No. 1 training command during the absence in England of Air Commodore A. A. L. Cuffe.

Island Woman's Son Missing From Destroyer

The following clipping from an old county paper refers to First Class Stoker Robert MacKay, son of Mrs. Joseph Duncan, 7 Rochford Square, Charlottetown. He visited his mother here on special leave on December 6th while conveying troops overseas after an absence of 14 years. The late stoker was a nephew of Mrs. Alex Rhymes, West Royalty, and Mrs. Wilfred Burke, Elm Avenue, who will have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Island Clergymen Are Ordained

HALIFAX, May 5.—(CP)—Rev. J. Hastman, who has been stationed at Crapaud, P. E. I., was ordained to the priesthood of the Anglican Church today in a ceremony at St. John's Cathedral.

Andrew Pitouin of Summerside, P. E. I., was ordained a deacon. Rt. Rev. John Mackenzie, Archbishop of Nova Scotia, officiated.

E. J. Gallant To Head Postal Service In Prov.

It was officially announced from Ottawa Saturday by the Civil Service Commission that Mr. E. J. Gallant, Charlottetown, has been appointed District Director of Postal Service for the Province.

Mr. W. C. MacEachern, Ottawa, has been acting in this position since the death of Postal Inspector A. V. Saunders. Under a new set up the duties of Postal Inspector and Postmaster will be combined into one office, that of District Director.

Mr. Gallant entered the Mail Service of the Canadian National Railways 23 years ago. With the exception of three weeks of military service in the Charlottetown Post Office (1910-1912) and another period in the service of his country overseas during the first great war, he has been in continuous service with the Railway Mail Service.

The new Director of Postal Service has a record both in civil and military life. He enlisted with the 5th Seige Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, in the spring of 1916 and was a member of the unit which was terminated. He was wounded at Canal Du Nord and badly gassed at Arrimateurs. Returning home at the conclusion of the war, Mr. Gallant again took up his position in the Railway Mail Service.

Mr. Gallant will take up his new duties after two weeks when Mr. MacEachern will return to Headquarters at Ottawa.

Pope Prays For Peace In All Countries

ROME, May 5.—(CP)—Pope Pius today reminded Italy of the benefits of peace, and prayed that Jesus Christ give all nations of the world "that peace which Thine heart hath given to Italy."

Cheers rang through the church of St. Mary-Over-Minerva as the Pope concluded his plea.

A congregation which packed the church gave the Pope a tremendous ovation lasting almost five minutes. There were repeated shouts of "Long live the Pope" and "Long live Italy."

Reliable Vatican sources reported that a determined effort is being made by the Pope to keep Italy out of war.

Particular significance was attached to the Pope's renewed plea for peace on this occasion since it is understood during ceremonies in honor of Italy's two patron saints, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Francis of Assisi.

Pope Will Continue

Responsible Vatican sources said the Pope's drive to keep Italy at peace would be pressed tomorrow when Crown Prince Humbert and his wife call on the Pontiff at the Vatican.

Speaking with emphasis, the Pontiff declared that the time for prayer is now "while whirlwinds unleashed by human passions which overwhelm noble nations in a fearful manner threaten beyond the Alps and Italy's frontiers."

SHIP REPORTS DIES

WINCHESTER, Mass., May 5.—(AP)—George Storey Hudson, 75, Boston Herald-Traveler news reporter for 34 years, died today.

In his span of service from 1898 until his retirement in 1932, he covered the most sensational events of his time and such marine disasters as the sinking of the steamship Portland and the liner Titanic.

Known as Cap Hudson, he was considered the dean of Boston's yachting writers in his day and covered the America's Cup races and the International Fishermen's races.

War Marking Time

The war seemed to be marking time during the weekend. Political questions were uppermost in Britain. There were indications, however, that the Royal Air Force was pounding away at Nazi air bases.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

Dance, Corran Banff, Wednesday, May 8th. L-132-5-6-11.

See Elliottville Players present play, C. M. B. A. Hall, Vernon River May 8th. Webster's Music after. L-100-5-4-21.

Garden Seeds. All the newest and best varieties. Send for free list. Arthur Vesey, York. L-263-3-11-Mt.

Buying live hogs at Albany, May 8th, Noon. May 10th at Green. Signed G. C.

Hear the Charlottetown Male Quartet and Tex Cochran at L.O.P. Hall, Monday, Wednesday, May 8th. Dance after. L-146.

Blackout Ordered In Ancient Land

Huge Allied Fleet Assembled In Mediterranean.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 5.—(CP)—Backed by thousands of Allied troops and the largest Allied fleet yet assembled in the Mediterranean, Egypt tonight declared her readiness to fight against attack from any quarter and ordered the first country-wide blackout in the historic land of the Pharaohs.

Egypt's highest defence council began daily sessions as reports were received that Italian warships and thousands of troops were being concentrated in the Dodecanese Islands, about 400 miles northwest of this port across the Mediterranean.

Military preparations for the defence of the country have reached today a maximum point of perfection," he said.

"There is no need of saying we do not want to attack anybody but we are prepared to repulse any attack no matter from what or where it comes. We are vigilant and ready."

On land, the Allied situation was reported to be shaping up as follows:—

1. Foreign observers reported that carefully-checked figures in February indicated the British and French troops in the Near East total at least 570,000 men.
2. Turkey, which has a mutual aid pact with the Allies to fight with them in the event the war comes to the Balkan or the Near East, was estimated early in March to have 500,000 men under arms.
3. Egypt has an army of 20,000 men. Also, she is obligated under the treaty of 1936 with Britain, to furnish Britain facilities and assistance on Egyptian soil in wartime.

King Farouk's government set aside about \$32,000,000 for defence in its 1940-41 budget.

The possibility of war spreading to this sector caused hundreds of anti-Fascist Italians to crowd the Ministry of the Interior, seeking Egyptian citizenship.

Repeats Belief Germans Will Invade Britain

ROME, May 5.—(AP)—Giovanni Ansaldo, a prominent Italian newspaper of the Italian foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, repeated his claim today that Germany would invade Britain.

Ansaldo made the claim in his weekly broadcast to the Italian armed forces. He made a similar "prediction" in 11 Telegram Saturday.

"Everything causes one to presume that this war very soon will see a great effort on the part of Germany to invade England in force," Ansaldo said.

"Never were conditions in which the present war is being conducted more favorable to the attackers, never were technical resources available to the enemy on the continent so favorable as today."

In his speech Ansaldo made no reference to future Italian policy other than the statement that "Italy must emerge from this great crisis with a settlement of its age-old problems of independence and greatness."

Canada Moves To Extend Wartime Financial System

Electric Storm Visits Province

OTTAWA, May 5.—(CP)—Finance Minister Ralston announced tonight the naming of W. H. Somerville of Waterloo, Ont., and de Gaspe Beaubien of Montreal as joint chairmen of the National War Savings Committee charged with launching the sale of war savings certificates.

On land, the government's wartime financial measures by mobilizing the savings of the Canadian people through the sale of war savings certificates," said Col. Ralston.

The Finance Minister forecast the project last Jan. 21 when, in a radio address, he thanked the Canadian people for their overwhelming response to the first loan of the war. That loan, for \$300,000,000 was subscribed by more than \$120,000,000.

War Savings

The date for issuing war savings certificates will be in multiples of \$5 but what the top figure will be has not been announced and the rate of interest, in the form of capital appreciation has to be decided.

"We have been fortunate in se-

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—Two members of Norwegian Government reach Britain for conferences with British leaders; Government to face serious test in Parliament Tuesday on Norwegian campaign; Admiralty denies a battleship and cruiser sunk by German bombers.

PARIS—French command reports another heavy German attack on western front repulsed.

ROME—Pope pleads anew for peace, praying especially for Italy; influential editor repeats claim that Germans will invade England.

ALEXANDRIA—Backed by big Allied land and sea forces, Egypt ready for eventualities; plans practice blackout.

SOFIA—Claim 50,000 Turkish soldiers massed on Turkish-Greek frontier.

OSLO—British bomb airport again.

STOCKHOLM—Report German bombers active in Northern Norway.

BUDAPEST—Hungary announces smashing of big spy ring working for both France and Soviet Russia.

MOSCOW—Red Navy publication charges British playing dangerous game in Near East.

BERLIN—Remnants of Allied troops in Norway hastening northward for possible attack on Narvik, Germans claim; Nazi mop-up campaign proceeding.

A SHORT ANSWER SELDOM HELPS THINGS ALONG

TORONTO, May 5.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	33 32
Vancouver	48 60
Edmonton	41 53
Regina	41 60
Winnipeg	38 41
Ottawa	42 63
Montreal	42 63
Quebec	41 57
Halifax	40 55
St. John	38 61
Charlottetown	48 67

Maritime East: Light to moderate winds with occasional showers and some fog.

Synopsis: Scattered showers have occurred in the western provinces and weather has been cooler in Manitoba. Fair, mild weather has prevailed in Ontario.

High tide this morning at 9:52 and tonight at 10:49.

Sun sets this morning at 7:11 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:42.

New Moon, May 7, 8:07 A. M.

Summer moon tide begins 49 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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