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ALLIED TROOPS CROSS RAPIDO RIVER

Value Of "D" Preserves Coupons Doubled In Feb.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26—(CP) — The Prices Board tonight announced that "D" preserves ration coupons will be worth twice as much for most items when the next pair become valid Feb. 3, and gave as the reason for the increase the current improved supply situation of some items.

In addition to doubling amounts of preserves, honey and molasses, the board said provision is being made for quantity purchases of maple syrup during the spring production season.

Although the "D" coupon values generally increase, the alternative of one-half pound of sugar in place of preserves remains the same, the announcement said.

Under the revised schedule the coupon value for canned fruit increases from 10 to 20 fluid ounces, jam, jelly, marmalade, maple butter and honey butter from six to 12 fluid ounces, molasses from 20 fluid ounces (one pint) to 40 fluid ounces (one quart).

From Feb. 3 until May 31 maple syrup may be purchased on the basis of one coupon for 40 fluid ounces. At the end of that time the coupon will return to the 24-ounce value.

Board officers said that about two thirds of the 1943 honey crop had been sold when rationing of this product was begun. To bring conditions as near as possible to normal and give producers adequate time to obtain proper containers, the coupon value of comb honey has been changed from one standard section (one pound) to two sections (two pounds), and for extracted honey from 12 fluid ounces (one pound) to 24 fluid ounces (two pounds).

The coupon value of corn, cane or any blended table syrup has been increased from 14 to 16 ounces. Cranberry sauce remains at a coupon value of 12 fluid ounces.

The board's ration administration said "appropriate changes" will be made in the quantities of preserves available to quota users.

30 Millions On Building Construction In Halifax Area

HALIFAX, Jan. 26—(CP)—Since the start of the war the department of munitions and supply has spent an estimated $30,000,000 on building construction in the Halifax area, and Wartime Housing Ltd. has spent an additional $3,200,000, E. A. Saunders, secretary of the Halifax Board of Trade, said today at the board's annual meeting.

Mr. Saunders said that building construction of all kinds in Nova Scotia during 1943 cost a total of $7,535,500—a decrease of 30 percent as compared with 1942.

He blamed wartime restriction on building materials.

Leaps From Burning Plane To Horse's Back

A U. S. BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, Jan. 26—(CP)—Sgt. John M. Webb, an aerial gunner, probably is the only man who ever parachuted from a bomber onto the back of a horse. Webb bailed out of a burning bomber near its base and floated to a field where a horse was grazing. He landed squarely on the animal's back. He reared up in the air and I stumbled off his back to the ground," Webb said, "I'm afraid that horse won't be any good for spring plowing."

Committee Recommends Survey In Maritimes

Suggests Federal Gov't Probe Conditions With View To Taking Steps To Improve The Economic Outlook.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26—(CP)—Federal government surveys of conditions in the Maritime Provinces, with the object of advising and helping in steps to improve the economic life of the people, were recommended in a report of the reconstruction committee tabled in the House of Commons today by J. G. Turgeon (Lib.-Carlboo), chairman.

The report said:

"This improvement can be brought about in part through a proper development of the fishing industry, through assistance to the farming community by the application of the provisions of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, by the installation of rural electrification, and the extension of cold storage facilities, through proper forest conservation and extended utilization of forest products, through the introduction of additional secondary industry, where the operation of such industry is economically sound by reason of proper markets and of primary production within the Maritime Povinces or in neighboring lands, such as Newfoundland."

Other Suggestions

In addition to suggestions for improvement of Maritimes' conditions, the report recommended:

1. Government assurance to members of the forces and merchant marine that everything will be done to prevent recurrence of mass unemployment.

2. That Canadian natural resources be completely surveyed so development work might be facilitated.

3 That a complete survey of housing requirements be made, to be ready for the carrying out of construction work when possible.

4. The committee felt it was within the power of governments and industy to maintain full employment for all Canadians during the transition from war to peace-time activities. Preference should be given members of the forces and merchant marine in works financed in whole or part by the federal government.

5. A first-class, all-season highway should be constructed across Canada, connecting with good United States roads and with all national and provincial parks, and linked with the Alaska highway.

6. There should be co-operation with provincial governments in the installation of rural electrification.

7. Agriculture should be provided with new credit facilities, either through extension of the credit union system or in "some other suitable manner." Every assistance should be given to the co-operative movement, both to con-

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Potatoes Are Bridge Prizes In Halifax

HALIFAX, Jan 26 — (CP) — Potatoes are so scarce here they are rapidly becoming aristocrats of the vegetable kingdom. The other day a Halifax bridge club hostess offered 12 coveted spuds as first prize for the afternoon's play. Competition was reported even keener than usual.

COMING EVENTS

**Bingo and Dance in St. Andrew's Hall, Friday, January 28th. 1-26-21.

**Dance, Belfast Hall, Friday, January 28th. Aid War Work. 1-26-21.

**Reserve Thursday, February 10th, Zion Guild Variety Concert. 20-22-21.

**Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. 8-26-tf.

**Due to arrive this month, two cars feed including bulk wheat, bulk barley, bulk oats. McGuigan & Boyle. 1-27-5i.

**Unloading car of Bulk Wheat, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 26th and 27th. Bring Bags. Dillon & Spillett. 1-26-21.

**Queens County L. O. L. will meet in Crapaud Tuesday, February 1st at 2 P. M. Verner Moore, Secretary. 1-28-21.

**Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. 1-19-4i.

**Just arrived, car asphalt shingles and roofing; also buying potatoes every day .P. J. Noy and Co. 1-25-27-29-3i

**For seed and feed oats, feed wheat bulk and bagged barley meal, crushed wheat, straight and mixed carlots. Consult A. O. F. Gill, Charlottetown. 1-26-3i.

**Anker Holth Cream Seperator parts have arrived A. Horne & Co. 1-22-3i

**East Royalty rink tonight Chicks vs. Dunstaffnage. League game. 1-27-1i.

**Loading hogs Friday morning until 11 A. M. Dawson. Orapaud. 1-27-1i.

Ch'town Trade Board Elects New Officers

MR. MORTON DEW

Mr. Morton Dew was elected president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade at the Board's annual meeting last night. He succeeds Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, who presided, and whose comprehensive report of the year's activities appears in today's issue.

The meeting took the form of a dinner function at the Charlottetown, and was largely attended.

The following other officers were elected:

Vice President, D. J. Bonnell
Secretary Treasurer, W. L. Higgins.

Council: V. A. Ainsworth, Col. G. E Full, D. M. Gass. W. D. Gillis, Lt.-Col. K. S. Rogers, A. W. Matheson, F. J. Chappell, Lt.-Col. C. L. MacKay.

Arbitrators: H. C. Bokoher, J.H. Cerry, G T. Hardie, G. R. Keefe, W. C. MacLeod, A E. Russell, W. N. Wilson, B. G. Rogers, E. M. Bagnall, T. E. MacNutt, Lt.-Col. D. A MacKinnon, D.S.O.

Auditor: L. B. MacMillan.

Life members: Dr. J. A. Clark, E. T. Higgs, J. O. Hyndman, S. A. MacLeod. R. E. Mutch, W. F. Tidmarsh.

Annual reports, supplementing the retiring president's, were made by the secretary and by committee chairmen W. A. Matheson on civic improvement; Lt.-Col. Rogers on entertainment; Morton Dew on fire prevention; Lt. Col. MacKinnon on tourist traffic and Hon. T. W. L. Prowse on transportation. A report by Mr. S A. MacLeod on harbour improvements was read in Mr. MacLeod's absence by Mr. Matheson.

The following new members were elected: W. A. Gaudet, Maj. Alex Knox, B. Graham Rogers and Capt Carl Bourke.

President Ainsworth complimented the secretary. Mr. Higgins, on his twenty-five years of faithful and efficient service in his position, and expressed the hope that he would be with the Board in the same capacity for another quarter century. His remarks were warmly indorsed by the meeting.

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New Session Of Parliament To Open Today

OTTAWA, Jan. 26—(CP)—Parliament went through the formality of a delayed wartime prorogation today amid anticipations of a new and lively session, largely devoted to post-war problems of social security reconstruction, opening tomorrow.

It took less than an hour for the two houses to meet in their own chambers, go through traditional routine, meet together in the senate and hear the prorogation speech from the throne read by Chief Justice Thibaudeau Rinfret, deputy to the Governor General.

Traditionally, the speech at the close of a session is a review of past events rather than a forecast of things to come. For the first time since the outbreak of war, today's speech was able to reflect satisfaction at war developments on all fronts.

In reporting that the ministers have given "close attention" to recommendations and investigations in the fields of post-war reconstruction and social security," the address gave a foretaste of the tone of the speech which will open the fifth session of the 19th parliament tomorrow.

A national scheme of health insurance, possibly family allowances, perhaps a start towards a system of compulsory retirement pensions on a contributory basis, the regular decennial revision of the bank act, creation of new departments of government or other agencies to handle post-war reconstruction and veterans re-establishment — these are a few of the legislative projects which may be mentioned tomorrow as members are told the tasks before them.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Despite the military and political possibilities for the Allies in Italy, it is still in northern Russia that the most ominous portents of disaster are hounding the reeling German armies.

In Italy, by every indication, the German high command still has a choice of action. It can run for it up the Italian Peninsula before the jaws of the Allied Cassino-Nettuno squeeze clamp shut.

The main defence line for the Italian gate to the fortress of Europe lies far to the north of Rome. The so-called Etruscan line from Leghorn to Rimini stands across the top of the Italian boot, like the portcullis of an ancient castle at the head of its drawbridge. Yet it is only an outer redoubt of successive powerful defensive positions guarding the continental mainland, even if the Italian Peninsula is taken.

No such ground for a new, naturally strong stand short of the Estonian-Russian frontier and the moat-like Peipus lake chain supports the staggering and badly broken Nazi Baltic armies in Russia. Link by link the Russian legions that have freed Leningrad and Novgorod are cutting all Nazi arteries of supply or escape from the crumbling Volkhov bulge north of Lake Ilmen.

South of Lake Ilmen to the Vitebsk bastion a no less deadly Russian pincer squeeze is in the making. It has already turned the south end of the Lovat Marshes on which the Nazis defence position in northern Russia counted heavily for protection. West of Nevel, White Russian forces are astride the Vitebsk-Dno-Leningrad railroad and threaten Dno junction.

The double menace to Dno is apparent. It is the only escape route westward to the Pskov gateway to Estonia for the whole Lovat wing of the Nazi Baltic flank front from Staraya Russa to the Novoskolniki area north of Nevel.

Nazi evacuation of the Lovat Marsh front must inevitably topple also the Vitebsk bastion and the German foot holds on the upper Dnieper south of it. It would mean a retreat for the Germans from all northern Russia.

Charlottetown Board Of Trade Activities Reviewed by President

Trade and transportation activities during the past year were reviewed in a comprehensive report presented by President V. A. Ainsworth at the annual meeting last night of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

Following is the text of the report:

"Once again the task falls upon me to review the activities of the Charlottetown Board of Trade for the year just past. While the work undertaken by the Board during 1943 was of a varied and sometimes of a complicated nature, it is my feeling that the tasks were undertaken faithfuliy, and every problem was given the most thoughtful and serious consideration in an effort to discover a suitable solution. At this point it seems pertinent to draw attention to a fact that has been referred to several times in the past, but is quite frequently misunderstood. I refer to the fact that this Board of Trade, like any other, has no legal powers conferred upon it such as are possessed by our City Council or Provincial Government, but its value lies in the thoughtful consideration of community problems by a body of serious minded citizens who make an earnest endeavour to recommend solutions to these problems to bodies such as our City Council, Provincial and Dominion Governments, who have the power to deal with them.

From my experience with the Charlottetown Board I know that at all times such recommendations as are sent forward from time to time by resolution or otherwise to these other bodies represent the best considered conclusions of the Board members in the interest of the community. With this fact in mind, after studying the work of the Board for the last two years, I feel that, while 1942 represented a year of preparation along certain lines of endeavour, the year 1943 has seen some of these endeavours greatly advanced, and, from that standpoint, perhaps this last year has been a more productive one from the Board's viewpoint.

"May I say, as I did in my last year's report, that the most forceful prosecution of the war effort has been in the members' minds in the discussion of all subjects raised, and that no recommendations have been made by the Board at any time, if they were considered to interefere with the war effort. I will now refer to some of the major activities of the Board for the year, 1943.

Ferry Service:

"In making the annual report for 1942, I urged that efforts to secure a new car ferry should be continued until assurance was given that a properly equipped ice-breaking steamer, suitable to the Borden-Tormentine service, would be made available at as early a date as wartime conditions would permit. In the early part of the year, a special meeting was held, at which members of the City

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News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 26 — (Thursday) — (AP) — Torpedo planes, sustaining the Allied air offensive against Rabaul, sank five cargo ships there Monday and so seriously damaged two others they had to be beached, headquarters reported today.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 26 —(CP) — Prime Minister John Curtin today gave strikers a final warning that they could be fined and imprisoned. Section strikes in various industries including coal and transport spurred the Prime Minister's warning.

LONDON, Jan. 26 — (CP)— Thirty one thousand tons of bombs — believed to be an all time record for the period— have been dropped on Hitler's Europe thus far this month from the northern and Mediterranean theatres, an R. A. F. commentator said tonight.

MONTREAL, Jan. 26 — (CP) — Judge F. T. Enright today ordered Mrs. Edna MacLennan, charged with the axe murder of her three children here last December, to stand stand trial at the next term of the court of King's bench which starts next week

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26 — (CP) —Mrs. Raymond Carpenter, 29, of Arnaud, Man., died in hospital here yesterday following burns suffered Monday when her clothes caught fire while carrying a can of gasoline in her Arnaud home.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 — (AP) — The Congressional row over soldier voting flared to a new peak of heat today, fired by a message from President Roosevelt calling for "adequate legislation" and branding as a "fraud" the Senate approved bill leaving the voting question to the states.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 — (AP)—The United States Congress voted today a $3,000,000,000 pot of gold for veterans of this war, to be paid out in amounts ranging from $100 to $300 each upon honorable discharge. House and Senate quickly approved the mustering out pay legislation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 — (AP) — The Berlin Radio, in a broadcast tonight giving the first German reaction to Argentina's severance of diplomatic relations with the Axis, described Britain rather than Germany as the loser by the move, which it said was forced by the United States. The threadbare divide and conquer theme thus was followed again.

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10 German Divisions Routed At Leningrad

LONDON, Jan. 26—(AP)—Russian troops have captured the massively-fortified railway hub of Krasnogvardeisk, 30 miles south of Leningrad, and have advanced five miles farther south, Moscow announced tonight, in an unabated offensive which in the first 12 days brought death to more than 40,000 Germans and routed 10 Nazi infantry divisions on the Leningrad front alone.

The offensive was rolling unchecked through the railway lifelines which comprise the chief communications routes of northern Russia. Latest advances announced by the Russians showed gains along the railway to Vitebsk and new blows loosening the last German hold on the Moscow-Leningrad trunk railway line—a 50-mile stretch between Tosno and Volkhovo.

Awarded D. F. C.

FLT.-LT. RALPH MacLEAN

Who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his services with the R.C.A.F., overseas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt MacLean of Summerside. His parents learned of the award several days ago.

Eden Re-Affirms Britain's Stand Re Polish Borders

Soviets decline U.S. offer to mediate in dispute.

LONDON, Jan. 26—(CP) — Foreign secretary Eden reaffirmed in the House of Commons today Britain's policy of not recognizing wartime changes on the map of Europe, unless, in the words of Prime Minister Churchill, "they take place with the free consent and good will of the parties concerned."

The declaration was taken as an oblique invitation for a friendly settlement of the Russian-Polish dispute, with Britain's blessing on an amicable solution.

However, little hope of any such solution between Russia and the Polish Government in London was held here. Russian rejection of the United States' offer to help bring the Russian and Polish governments together again was viewed by Polish circles here as the prelude to possible recognition of the Polish committee in Moscow as the legally-constituted government of Poland.

OFFER TURNED DOWN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—Soviet Russia politely but firmly rejected today an offer by the United States to try to get Moscow and the Polish government at London on speaking terms again.

The Russians do not feel, their reply said, that the situation has yet ripened to a point where the good offices of the United States could be used to advantage.

State Secretary Cordell Hull who disclosed the Russian response at a press conference, apparently had been hopeful that the offer would be accepted.

Persons familiar with the text of the note, which was not given out, said it was written in a tone of warm friendliness and showed no resentment on the part of the Russians that the offer of good offices had been made.

Two Escape Death In Saint John Fire

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 26—(CP) — Two persons came close to death this afternoon when fire swept through two flats on Douglas Avenue. Thomas Grant carried his four year old son to safety from a flaming bedroom and then rescued Mrs. Ida Law,, elderly occupant of the Upper Flat. The fire apparently started in Grant's kitchen. He suffered facial burns in making the two rescues.

Argentina Breaks With Nazis, Japs

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 26 — (AP) —Argentina junked her zealously-guarded, traditional policy of neutrality today, breaking relations with Germany and Japan in a sudden Diplomatic reversal that snapped the Axis' last formal ties with the American continents.

The reason for the action, an official communique said, was discovery of an extensive espionage network tracing directly to the German and Japanese Diplomats operating under cover of their legal immunity.

The full story of the spy ring, when revealed, is expected to be sensational, possibly shaking the foundations of Argentine high society.

Fox Pelt Sale Is Continued

MONTREAL, Jan. 26 —(Special to the Guardian) — The Canadian Fur Auction Company's sale of silver fox and new type pelts continued all day today, with the third section, comprising 6,000 silver fox and 297 western Canada new types being offered. The attendance was the smallest of the three days but prices continued firm and over 50 percent of the offering was sold.

The following are the results:

Regular one half to three quarter silvers, 43 per cent sold at an average of $30.50

Selected full silvers, 53 per cent sold, at an average of $69.52.

The collection of 297 western Canada new type pelts, consisting chiefly of selected platinums and platinum silvers was 61 per cent sold, at an average of $142.80.

Tomorrow (Thursday) the sale will conclude with an offering of 600 platinums, pearl platinums, white marked and other types and 5,700 silver fox.

(The above was supplied by Mr. George A. Callbeck, of Summerside, manager of the fur marketing department of the Canadian National Fox Breeders Association.)

More Motor Vehicles For U. S. Civilians

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—Government sources reported today that more motor vehicles and low-price dresses soon will be made available for civilians in the United States and gave assurance there will be no potato shortage this spring. There were these announcements:—

The army will release soon approximately 20,000 motor vehicles, most of which will reach the civilian market.

Included will be about 10,000 used but serviceable trucks, several thousand new passenger automobiles, about 4,000 new motorcycles, approximately 1,000 used passenger automobiles and a small number of used motorcycles.

Newsmen Shown Scene Of Alleged Nazi Atrocities

By Henry C. Cassidy
Associated Press Staff Writer

SMOLENSK, U. S. S. R., Jan. 26— (AP)—A party of British and American correspondents was taken today to the grim Katyn Forest 16 miles outside Smolensk and shown the scene where a special Soviet Investigating Commission charges the Germans shot thousands of Poles one by one in August and September of 1941.

The German tale that the Poles were shot by the Russians in March and April of 1940 was described by the commission as "provocation."

The conclusions already reached by the special Soviet atrocities commission were:—

1. "It is established that in August and September of 1941 the Germans killed Polish prisoners of war on the goat hills (in Katyn Forest) "

2. "Feeling their position insecure, the Germans hastened to cover up their crime. For this purpose they opened the graves and tried to find witnesses, brought bodies from other graves and mounted provocation."

Correspondents were shown documents taken from Polish bodies dated as late as June 20, 1941, which would make the German explanation of the mystery impossible, saw evidence that the bodies had been in the ground only about two years and heard testim-

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Secrecy Still Surrounds New Invasion Force

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALGIERS, Jan. 26 — (AP) — Slashing back across the Rapido River in the Cassino area, American 5th army troops have established a firm new bridgehead on the west bank of that swift, little stream and are plunging resolutely ahead over thickly-sowed minefields and under heavy German artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, it was announced officially today.

Nazis Aware of Threat

The second crossing of the Rapido came as Nazi commanders—fully aware at last of the threat of Allied landings made south of Rome five days ago—pulled away part of the great strength they had assembled opposite the main 5th army front and sent crack units northward to oppose the new thrust.

Cassino itself, 70 miles southeast of Rome, appeared to have been largely abandoned by the Germans, but they held dominating positions on heights overlooking the stronghold from which they could rake its streets with deadly fire.

The famous Benedictine Monastery high above Cassino—where the order was founded some 1,300 years ago—remained intact, its monks able to look down on the seething conflict below.

British troops along the Garigliano River at the coastal end of the main 5th army front were reported to have thrown back every enemy counter-attack launched against them in recent days and to have pushed ahead two miles south west of Castelforte and captured Mount Ceracoli. Northeast of Cassino French troops were forced from Mount Groce by a series of bitter German counter-attacks.

Moves Still Secret

Official secrecy still shrouded the exact movements of British and American invasion forces south of Rome, the Allied command being determined to keep the enemy guessing as long as possible. But it seemed certain that advance units had cut the Appian Way, some 15 miles from the coast, and it was more than likely that the via Casilina, further inland, linking Rome and Cassino, was under Allied artillery fire.

The natural objective of the new Allied operation would be the occupation of strategic positions in the mountains which begin to rise some 15 miles inland and the establishment of a firm line across the coastal shelf south of Rome, with the hills on one side and the sea on the other.

(This appeared to bear out earlier indications that the landing forces were not aiming primarily at Rome itself, but intended to cut the communications of perhaps 100,000 Nazi troops on the Cassino front. Swiss dispatches from the Italian frontier said German authorities had proclaimed a state of siege in Rome because of a wave of anti-Nazi activity.)

On the 8th army front on the Adriatic side of Italy action was limited to patrol activity.

KILED IN ACTION

STELLARTON, N. S., Jan. 26—(CP)—Flt. Sgt. Fred MacDonald of Stellarton, a former reporter on the Halifax Chronicle, has been killed in action with the R. C. A. F. overseas, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacDonald, were notified today.

High tide this afternoon at 1.31 and tomorrow morning at 1.10.

Sun sets this afternoon at 6 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.25.

First quarter moon Feb. 1, 4.08 a. m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a. m. 12.00 noon. 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m. 5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p. m.