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## GERMANS RAID BRITISH LAND OBJECTIVES

### Legislature To Open March 28

Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly will open on March 28, it was learned from a proclamation in the Royal Gazette. Opening ceremonies, expected to be somewhat curtailed because of wartime conditions, would take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was announced.

### War—25 Years Ago Today

MARCH 18, 1915—Allied fleet met reverse at the Dardanelles; British battleships Ocean and Irresistible and the Bouvet of the French navy sunk by floating mines. German airmen dropped bombs on Calais. Russians resumed invasion of East Prussia.

### International At A Glance

**LONDON**—Admiralty says only one battleship damaged in Nazi raid on Scapa Flow; first civilian killed by German bomb; Air Ministry reports raid on Nazi patrol boats; Prime Minister Chamberlain, 71 today, faces issues in pursuance of war.

**ROME**—Mussolini leaves suddenly for meeting with Hitler; Sumner Welles to remain in Rome until Wednesday.

**BERLIN**—Hitler secretly leaves Berlin for conference with Mussolini; German command claims air raid on Scapa Flow resulted in severe damage to three British battleships and probable damage to two others.

**PARIS**—Severe localized fighting continues on western front.

**HELSINKI**—Newspaper Uusi Suomi suggests Field Marshal Baron Mannerheim assume direction of Finland's fate; Finnish trade mission goes to Moscow.

### DIES OF INJURIES

**BATHURST, N. B.**, March 17—(CP)—Fidley Roy, 9, run over Friday by a tractor-drawn sleigh, died in hospital today following amputation of a leg.

### NELSON'S HEIRS DO WELL

**LONDON**—(CP)—Perpetual pensions like that paid the Nelson family should be investigated, James Davidson, Labor M. P. for Marbury demanded in Commons. He declared more than £770,000 (£3,292,500) has been paid the Nelsons since the government in 1866 granted the hero of Trafalgar and his heirs a pension. The present Lord Nelson, 82, is a great-grand-nephew of the famous admiral. Annually he is paid £5,000 (£22,500) because of his relationship.

### Coming Events

- Reserve April 2nd Bridge and Auction, St. Joseph's Sociality Hall, L-130-3-18-11.
- Attention—Hand made flowers now on sale at Jean's Novelty Shoppe, 193 Hillsboro, L-131-3-18-11.
- Buying live hogs at Albany, March 21st, Friday, March 22nd at Emerald, until noon. Signed G. C. Green.
- Borden rink tonight, Tip Top play-off, Freetown vs. Borden, Skate after, L-145.
- Rummage and auction sale Saturday, March 30th, Y. M. C. A. building, Proceeds in aid of the Association, L-137.
- Garden Seeds. All the newest and best varieties. Send for free list. Arthur Vesey, York, L-233-3-11-Mif.
- Fox Meats—Ground Meat 5c. Hot Meat 5c. Beef Tripe 3 1/2c. Hog Plucks 2 1/2c. Island Cold Storage Company.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY OBSERVED BY B. I. S.

#### Large Attendance Features Parade — Bishop O'Sullivan Delivers Sermon.

The feast of St. Patrick was fittingly observed yesterday by the Benevolent Irish Society with a parade to St. Dunstan's Basilica in the afternoon, where Solemn Benediction was celebrated by Rev. Louis A. Dougan assisted by Rev. George McCormack as Deacon and Rev. Wilfred Keefe as Sub-Deacon.

The oration was delivered by His Excellency Rt. Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Bishop of Charlottetown.

Headed by the League of the Cross Band under the direction of Mr. W. J. Brawders, the parade, which was the largest in years wended its way through the City streets accompanied by the familiar and stirring Irish airs. Probably the largest crowd ever to witness this annual parade lined the route of the procession. The parade was marshaled by Mr. L. O. Kelly.

The route of the parade was as follows: Along Grafton Street to Prince, then along Prince, Richmond and Great George to the National Exhibition grounds, where the parade went along Great George to Water, thence to Kent, Queen, Grafton and to the Hall.

At the conclusion of the parade, members and friends of the Society assembled in the B. I. S. hall where a smoker was enjoyed.

First speaker at the smoker, at which President of the Society presided was His Worship Mayor B. R. Holman who spoke on behalf of the City.

He expressed the appreciation of the City for the wonderful work be-

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### Island Man Finds Two Men Injured On Road

**NORTH SYDNEY, N. S.**, March 17—(CP)—Found unconscious on a highway, Arthur J. Allen, 57-year-old resident of nearby New Glasgow, died late last night in hospital.

Police tonight were holding Clarence Brown of Victoria, P. E. I., without charge pending further investigation. Brown was driving a car along the highway, and reported that when he stopped to investigate two forms lying on the road he found Allen and Norman McLean of North Sydney.

McLean was in hospital with severe head and body injuries, but his condition was not critical. Police were investigating the theory that the two were struck by an automobile before Brown's car reached the spot where they were found.

### Roosevelt Sets Forth Peace Ideals In Talk

**WASHINGTON**, March 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt, speaking on a world-wide broadcast, set forth Saturday a list of ideas of international organization without which, he said, no peace can be made on a lasting basis.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland also took part in the program which was held in connection with the Christian Service convocation in New York.

"I wish we seek a moral basis for peace," said Mr. Roosevelt. "It cannot be a real peace if it fails to recognize brotherhood. It cannot be a lasting peace if it is based on oppression, or starvation, or cruelty, or human life dominated by armed camps."

"It cannot be a sound peace if small nations live in fear of powerful neighbors. It cannot be a lasting peace if freedom from inviolable peace is sold for tribute. It cannot be an intelligent peace if it denies free passage to that knowledge of those believed to have been anchored at Scapa Flow when a group of German bombers suddenly raided Britain's anchorage at Scapa Flow, German fliers declared tonight.

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### New Navigation Mark For St. Lawrence

**MONTREAL**, March 17—(CP)—The icebreaker N. B. McLean nosed her way into Montreal Harbor late Saturday, setting a new record for early break-up of the St. Lawrence River ice.

The powerful ship was three days ahead of the previous early arrival of an icebreaker. The previous record was set by the Mikula in 1931.

### Secretary Of Minister Is Partner In Concern Given Defense Orders

#### Private Secretary To Minister Of National Defense Involved — Another Glaring Exposure Of Liberal Patronage Mongering

Speaking at Toronto last Thursday, Colonel George A. Drew gave further evidence of gross favoritism and the awarding of defense contracts. His charges are substantiated in the Saturday issue of the Financial Post (Independent Liberal) from which the following statements are quoted:

During the past four years and a half the Government of Canada has awarded defense orders totalling \$27,221 to a company in which the private secretary of a Minister of the Crown is a partner.

The secretary is A. Grant MacLachlan, private secretary to Hon. Norman McL. Rogers.

**NINE PAYMENTS**

The total of \$27,221 is made up of a series of nine payments authorized by the Department of National Defense during the fiscal years 1936-39, and one contract placed through the War Supply Board, in November, 1939.

The nine payments of 1936-39 were made to the MacLachlan Lumber and Woodworking Company while A. Grant MacLachlan was private secretary to the Minister of Labor, Hon. Norman Rogers then occupying that office.

The War Supply Board contract was dated November 24, 1939. It authorized the purchase of lumber to the value of \$1,244. It was placed with a company described in the Board's records as MacLachlan Lbr. & W. Co., Kingston, Ont. At the time it was placed, A. Grant MacLachlan was private secretary to the Minister of National Defense, Hon. Norman Rogers having occupied that position since September 19, 1939.

A Grant MacLachlan first appeared on the Government payroll as private secretary to the Minister of Labor on October 28, 1935. During the succeeding four fiscal years he received salary payments from the Government totalling \$13,692.

### AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Both salary payments and the payments to the MacLachlan Lumber and Woodworking Company are recorded in the Auditor-General's reports for the years cited.

The November 24, 1939, contract is recorded in the summary of War Supply Board orders issued February 1, 1940.

The final order of the series was awarded some 10 weeks after the declaration of war, during a period in which Prime Minister King and other Ministers of the Government have repeatedly said that there has been no patronage or favoritism shown in the awarding of defense contracts.

A further interesting point is that the Auditor-General's reports for the two years immediately preceding the election of the present Government in 1935 do not record any payments to the MacLachlan Lumber and Woodworking Company.

### THE POST'S QUESTIONS

The Post submits that in view of the circumstances outlined above, public interest demands answer of the following questions:

1. How does the Government explain the awarding of \$27,221 of defense orders to a company in which a private secretary to a Minister of the Crown was a partner?
2. Does the Government think it is proper for an employee of the Crown to participate as a partner in a business conducting business with the Crown?
3. Does the Government think it is proper for an individual who occupies a confidential position as private secretary to a Minister of the Crown to participate as a partner in a business receiving defense contracts from the Crown?

### MacKENZIE KING'S PLEDGE

It may be noted that Prime Minister Mackenzie King's own answer to the foregoing questions, and others that have been asked, was given at the September session of Parliament, called at the outbreak of the war. On that occasion Hon. Dr. Manion expressed the hope that the abuse of political patronage and favoritism would not interfere with our national efforts. "Canada," he said "is fighting—not one party—and Canada demands that we do our duty fearlessly and fairly. Let service and quality and honesty rule in all our vast expenditures. We must not let any scandal destroy our efforts."

And Premier Mackenzie King replied: "I say the same to every hon. member in this House, and I say it not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of this Government. We want no favoritism in this war. We want the name of this Government and this country to be honorably sustained, and the man who seeks to profit indirectly by having his relatives or friends gain this contract or get that commission simply because they are among his favorites is no true friend of this administration." (Hansard, Sept. 8, 1939).

Of what value is this pledge today, in the light of the many exposures that have been made of Liberal patronage mongering in war contracts.

### Nazis Claim 3 Big Ships At Scapa Flow

**BERLIN**, March 17—(AP)—The 42,000-ton British battle cruiser Hood and the 32,900-ton battle cruisers Renown and Repulse were believed to have been anchored at Scapa Flow when a group of German bombers suddenly raided Britain's anchorage at Scapa Flow, German fliers declared tonight.

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### QUEBEC HOUSE ADJOURNS

**QUEBEC**, March 14—(CP)—Quebec's Legislature adjourned today for the Easter holidays after the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Eugene Fleet, had accorded royal assent to a government bill extending the deadline for adoption of Montreal City's budget.

### HITLER AND MUSSOLINI TO CONFER TODAY

**ROME**, March 17—(AP)—Premier Mussolini and Adolf Hitler will confer Monday morning at the Brenner Pass, on the German-Italian border, it was officially announced here tonight.

The announcement said they would meet at the town of Brennero, the last Italian town on the border near the pass.

In Berlin the German News Agency, D. N. B., said that "the meeting long envisaged between Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler was arranged during Herr Von Ribbentrop's recent visit to Rome." Reliable sources said that Von Ribbentrop would accompany Hitler.

Premier Mussolini left Rome suddenly in the afternoon with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano. His departure, after his talk with Sumner Welles, United States Undersecretary of State, Saturday raised considerable speculation whether a peace move was involved in the rendezvous of the Rome-Berlin axis partners.

Observers connected the Mussolini meeting with the visit of President Roosevelt's envoy and the call for a "cease-fire" by the Reichstag of Germany paid to Rome last week-end conferring with both Mussolini and Pope Pius.

It was noted that since Sumner Welles' visit to Rome, there have been seven naval casualties and it was believed these were included in the total of 14 injured.

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### Southgate Is Subject To Surveillance

**SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**, March 17—(AP)—The 4,862-ton British steamship Southgate, which two weeks ago flashed a mysterious distress signal, is still in waters near Puerto Rico under constant surveillance by the United States Navy patrol, naval sources said today.

A theory is held in these quarters that the Southgate, roving inside the so-called "neutrality" zone, is supplying British warships, which Southgate drew attention March 1 when she sent out an "S. O. S." signal interpreted in wartime as a distress call due to a submarine attack. She was sighted apparently unharmed and the signal was never explained.

She was seen in Monday Passage—between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic—by flying boats of the neutrality patrol operating from San Juan. The supply boat theory offers the only apparent explanation for her movements since March 1, when her distress call gave her position as 160 miles northeast of Puerto Rico.

When the Southgate was seen in Monday Passage, she was headed northeast again.

Naval informants said orders from Washington are to track her into port so that the United States Government may have some explanation of why she sent her distress signal and then became silent. As far as naval authorities know, she has not touched port since.

### Lady Tweedsmuir Bids Farewell

**OTTAWA**, March 17—(CP)—Lady Tweedsmuir, who will leave shortly to return to her home in England, tonight bade farewell to the Canadian people and said "I shall always be proud to count myself always as a part of Canada, wherever I am."

In a message broadcast over the National network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Her Excellency said she would leave Canada "with a warmth at my heart, and gratitude for the love you have shown to my husband and myself."

She made reference to her two sons, Lieut. Alastair Buchanan and Lieut. John Buchanan, who succeeded in his father's title, who now are with the Canadian forces.

"I feel that I cannot leave Canada without saying thank you to the people of this dominion who have shown me so much kindness, and given me so much help," Lady Tweedsmuir said.

"First of all, I should like to thank all those friends who have sent me books for my private libraries. I should like to say that I could never have put through this scheme without your help. You would, I am sure, like to know that since the scheme was started in September, 1936, almost 40,000 books have been sent out."

Lady Tweedsmuir thanked women's organizations in Canada "for the warmth of the welcome they always gave me when I went to their meetings" and also extended best wishes to children's organizations.

Speaking in French, Her Excellency said "to my friends of French-Canada, I send my most profound thanks. Their welcome and their consideration for me touched me to the depths of my heart."

### First Civilian Casualty As Bombers Strike

#### British Planes Attack Nazi Patrol Vessels—Royal Navy Ship Damaged By Bombs.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

**LONDON**, March 17—(CP Cable)—Fourteen German raiders, aiming for the first time in the war at land as well as sea objectives, attacked Britain's Scapa Flow anchorage at dusk Saturday, damaging a warship, killing a civilian and injuring 14 persons, two of them women.

The man killed was the first air raid civilian casualty of the war.

An Admiralty communique stated that no military objectives on land were hit, but five cottages were damaged. It said that there had been seven naval casualties and it was believed these were included in the total of 14 injured.

One of the German planes was shot down in a hall of high explosive fire from ships and ashore. Others were believed damaged.

### Incendiary Bombs

The fact that the German airmen used incendiary bombs, which they scattered far and wide over the countryside, was taken as an indication that the raid was aimed at land objectives as well as against the warships in the Scapa anchorage. Incendiary bombs are not usually used against warships since they can neither penetrate the thick armor nor set fire to their steel hulls. Observers believe that the incendiary bombs were used to mark the beginning of a new phase in the six-month-old war against Germany.

Most of the vessels apparently were in the village of Bridge of Walth, where 19 explosive

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### Prize Silver Skins Go To Montreal Buyers

**MONTREAL**, March 17—(CP)—Prize fox furs offered at last week's sale of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Limited, went mostly to Montreal buyers, it was learned on the weekend.

Some of the furs had won prizes at the Prince Edward Island Fox Breeders' and Exhibitors' Prize Show at Charlottetown.

There were 284 furs in the prize selection, which featured an offering of 20,000 silver foxes in the course of the week's sales. Canadian buyers generally monopolized the bidding for the fox pelts. Buyers from the United States, usually prominent in the sale, were largely out of the market, as the quota on silver fox furs entering the United States has now been filled until next December.

Prices obtained for furs are showing signs of steadying officials said.

### Police Seize Illicit Alcohol

**LUNENBURG**, March 17—(CP)—Ten thousand dollars worth of illicit alcohol was in a government warehouse here tonight after Royal Canadian Mounted Police made two seizures in Lunenburg County early today.

One lot of 110 five-gallon cases was taken from a truck after a short chase over a narrow road near Bridgewater by Corporal James Murray of the Bridgewater detachment. Corporal Murray made the seizure single-handed, and managed to capture one of the two men in the truck. The other escaped into the woods. The captured man was released a few hours later, and no charge was laid against him.

The other seizure consisted of 100 five-gallon cases was made in a farm house near Lunenburg. There were no arrests.

### Warships Drop Depth Bombs

**EDINBURGH**, March 17—(CP)—British warships escorting a convoy of merchantmen fired depth bombs at a German submarine off the Scottish coast Saturday, but the U-boat failed to come to the surface and its fate was not learned.

### Manion Scores Misstatement Of Defense Head

#### Rogers Denounced For "Continuously And Knowingly" Making Deceptive Statements.

(By Canadian Press Staff Writer)

**WINDSOR, Ont.**, March 17—(CP)—In a renewed denunciation of Defense Minister Rogers, Conservative Leader Manion Saturday night asserted that there had never been a Dominion cabinet minister "with the impudence this man shows in continuing to state untruths when he knows them to be untruths."

"This irresponsible little falsifier Rogers," continued to make the untrue statement that he had challenged Dr. Manion repeatedly to give specific instances of patronage and profiteering in the war effort without getting a reply.

"I have given lists not once but many times during the past weeks, in all parts of Canada, but he continues his loose talk," the Conservative Leader said.

Before the audience of 1,000 which overflowed the Vocational School auditorium, Dr. Manion revived a number of the complaints of abuse he has been making in his campaign tour of the country. "And yet this unscrupulous little man, Rogers, continues to say in every speech he makes that his challenge has not been answered."

He portrayed a need for definite action to deal with unemployment and kindred problems, the Conservative Leader declared this is "a common people's election," with the common people, against a few, a very few, who like to dictate.

### A Little Clique

"There has been a little clique in this country telling everybody how this country should be run."

(At Chatham Saturday afternoon, Dr. Manion stated that his opposition to National Government last July, before the war, was due to the fact that "two or three little groups" were trying at that time to merge the old parties to achieve their own particular ends. With the nation at war, his attitude towards National Government had changed.)

He declared he would be nominated by no clique. He was his own master, not subservient to any group, class or individual.

In his criticism of Prime Minister Mackenzie King, he condemned the government's attitude towards a British proposal two years ago to

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### 69 Remain Missing In Mine Disaster

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O.**, March 17—(AP)—The number of men unaccounted for in the Willow Grove Mine disaster was placed at 69 today. An official said "hope of reaching them alive is dwindling fast."

After a careful check it appears 44 men are entombed in the 22-west shaft, 25 others in adjacent workings," reported W. H. McWilliam, public relations counsel for the Hanna Coal Company of Cleveland, owners of the mine.

The men were trapped by an explosion Saturday. Four others were killed and more than 100 gassed or injured.

The company's general manager, R. V. Clay, reported the men trapped in "22-west" were about three miles from the mine entrance. They were working as a unit. The other 25 were in scattered groups nearby when the explosion struck.

"Hope of reaching them alive is dwindling fast," Clay said.

John Richards, mine superintendent, and Howard Sanders, tipple foreman, died after breathing at least a few hours later, and no charge was laid against him.

The other two dead as John Marks, a motorman, and Ralph Sutton.

### CAUSE OF BLAST

The blast, described by Frank Opatry, 24-year-old rescued miner, as coming "with a big whoosh" was attributed by mine workers either to gas or coal dust. Company officials expressed belief it may have been caused when miner's drills struck a pocket of old gas well.

Workmen entering the explosion area today with masks and oxygen.

### FORECAST

**MARITIME EAST:** Strong northwest winds; mostly cloudy with much the same temperature and probably light snow.

**SYNOPSIS:** The weather has been fair over Ontario and the greater part of the western provinces, mild in Alberta and Southwest Saskatchewan with moderate temperatures in Manitoba.

**HIGH TIDE:** this morning at 5:44 and this afternoon at 4:12.

**SUN SETS:** this evening at 6:09 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:06.

**FULL MOON:** March 28, 3:33 p.m.

**SUMMERSIDE TIDE:** 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

**THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS**  
Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M., Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.

