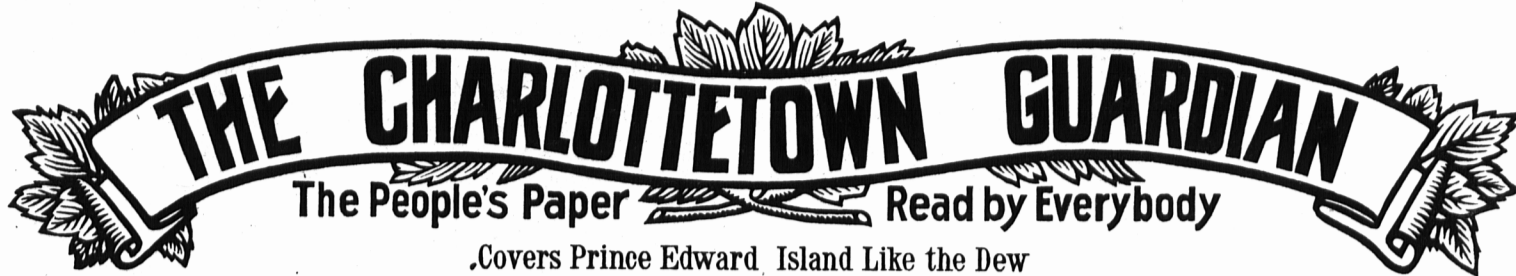


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NAZI BOMBERS DRIVEN OFF

Fierce Fighting As French Launch Counter Attacks

Germans Touch French Soil For First Time In War — Are Pushed Back Later.

(By Taylor Henry, Associated Press Staff Writer)
PARIS, Oct. 16—(AP)—Nazi troops today launched a long-awaited attack in force against French positions on the northern flank of the western front.

They drove the French out of German territory at one point, and although thrown back still held a precarious foothold on French soil for the first time since the war began.

A communique issued by the French high command acknowledged tonight that the Germans fought their way into the French village of Apache before they were thrown back by a French counter-attack.

The fighting lasted all day and as night fell the Germans apparently still held the heights of Schneeberg north of Apache on western slopes that reach into France.

The 9:05 P. M. (4:05 P. M. AST) communique of the French High Command said that the Germans were "thrown back" to "the north of Apache" after penetrating the village.

Although the German attack covered a front of four miles, the main force of the blow was delivered at the junction of the French-German-Luxembourg frontiers on the extreme northern flank of the western front.

Here the French established positions during the first month of the war to prevent the Germans from driving through neutral Luxembourg territory to out-flank the whole French front.

Since the French had been holding advance positions some two miles inside German territory at this point, it appeared to military observers that today's German attack obviously had driven the French back that distance.

The first real shock of the German attack hit the French on the

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Coming Events

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Talkies—Malpeque Wednesday, L-1199-10-16-21.

Dance, Forest Hill Hall, October 19th, L-1391-10-17-11.

Talkies and Dance Bradalbane, Tuesday, L-1196-10-16-21.

Rummage Sale St. James Hall, Saturday 21st, 7 o'clock, L-1393-10-17-21.

Chicken Supper, C.M.B.A. Hall, Vernon River, Oct. 23rd, L-1393-10-17-11.

Dance in Earncliffe School postponed till October 26th, L-1367-10-17-11.

Reserve Nov. 7th for Memorial L. O. B. A. Goose Supper, L-1406.

Hope River Bazaar and chicken supper in Parish Hall, Oct. 24th, and 25th, L-1408-10-17-31.

Come to Concert and Bazaar in Kingston Hall October 26th by W. I. Sale of lunches, L-1364-10-17-25.

Kinkora Hall—Bingo and dance Friday evening, October twentieth, Lunch served, L-1356-10-16-21.

Come to the chicken supper in St. George's Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 18th, L-1359-10-16-31.

Come to Chicken Supper Milton Hall Wednesday, October 18th, Supper served at 6 P. M., L-1317-10-14-17.

Monthly meeting Ladies Aid Prince Edward Island Hospital Wednesday 3:30 p. m. Cundall Home, L-1404.

Cattle—We require a quantity of cows and bulls for bologna Phone or write us for prices, Island Cold Storage Co., L-969-9-30-17.

Special meeting of the Hunter River Livestock Shipping Club will be held in New Glasgow Hall, Wednesday evening, Oct. 18th, at 8 o'clock. All members invited, L-1407-10-17-21.

The Eastern King's Shipping Club will assemble a load of calves and fat sheep for shipment to Montreal on Monday, Oct. 23rd. Please notify Club Secretary, L-1407-10-17-21.

Turkey Sends New Orders To Delegation

ANKARA, Oct. 16—(AP)—The Turkish Cabinet was reported tonight to have sent new and final instructions to its Moscow delegation which, political circles declared, might lead to a quick conclusion of the lengthy Kremlin conversations and possibly a Russian-Turkish pact.

The Cabinet met in a special session while Turkey was said to be making "feverish" military preparations following reports that Russia was massing troops in the Caucasus of the borders of Turkey and Iran (Persia).

The new instructions were said to have been sent to Sukru Saracoglu, Turkey's Foreign Minister, after the Cabinet considered his report on the situation in the Caucasus.

Although there was wide speculation concerning the nature and scope of the proposed new pact, it was stressed in Turkish circles that it would not affect the status quo of the Balkan States or impair in any way Turkey's agreement with Great Britain and France.

Competent Turkish quarters insisted this country never would subscribe to any combination that would be opposed to her pledges to the Balkan Allies or to the western powers.

Reports in Istanbul last night said Saracoglu had refused three Russian demands—recognition of Poland's partition, formation of a neutral Balkan bloc under the supervision of Russia and Germany, and territorial expansion of Russia and Bulgaria to Rumania, expense.

U. S. Seeks To Keep Passports From Spies' Hands

(By Andru Berding, Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 16—Sweeping measures designed to afford closer United States government control over passports and incidentally prevent their use by foreign spies, are being perfected and will go into operation early next year.

Their principal feature involves the use of finger printing to make sure that the man or woman travelling under the protection of a United States passport is really the one named in the document.

The existence of war and disclosures before the congressional committee investigating un-American activities about passport abuses have led to the determination to tighten up on regulations.

Officials estimated recently that 1,500 United States passports which were borne by American men by the Soviet Russia would "take over" the Spanish civil war are now in the hands of foreign governments, principally Soviet Russia.

Reliable informants said the legion's program included not only the arrest of the Government but a purge of the badly split Hungarian Nazi movement's most moderate leaders. News said the plot and its outcome was given first by moderate Nazis, a number of deputies later said they had confirmed the reports.

They said those marked for death included Kalman Hubay, whom the Hungarian Nazis chose to succeed Ferenc Szalasi, "Hungarian Hitler," after the latter was sentenced to three years in jail.

Although there was no immediate confirmation from official sources, Nazis said the projected purge was crushed Saturday by the arrest and seizure of a large number of rifles, machine-guns and hand grenades which the group allegedly assembled in its plan to overthrow the Government and install a Nazi regime.

The chief of the secret police conferred with the minister of interior several times during the day. Foreign sources said they believed that as a result of the incident the Government would outlaw all Nazi groups. There are 50 Nazis in Parliament.

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War Briefs

EDINBURGH, Oct. 16—Fresh fish were free following the German raid over the Firth of Forth. When the two-hour aerial battle was over thirty Scots put out in boats and garnered a harvest of fish killed by the bomb explosions.

LONDON, Oct. 16—The war has its lighter side: A cartoon in the Evening News today showed two men gazing at the tall chimneys of a Riverside power station. One explained to the other he had learned "on best authority that those chimneys aren't chimneys any more. They're extra-long range anti-aircraft guns."

The Lord Mayor of London received an anonymous gift of £15 and 11 shillings (about \$89) for the Red Cross fund. A note accompanying the contribution said it represented a fund "for the bing which Hitler stopped."

PARIS, Oct. 16—Using 40 tons of gray paint, French painters today began camouflaging the famous Eiffel Tower, whose 1,000 feet make it an excellent target for raiding airplanes.

PARIS, Oct. 16—Wladislaw Raczewicz, president of the newly formed Polish Government in exile, was ordered by doctors to take a complete rest. He recently suffered an attack of pleurisy. The Polish embassy said a medical bulletin described his condition as satisfactory.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16—Anti-aircraft batteries last night opened fire against a foreign plane or planes which, apparently just in a fog, flew over Netherlands' territory. Official dispatches from the frontier said tonight. The roar of airplane motors was heard at various points along the north sea coast, precipitating the fire, it was said. It was not known whether any hits had been scored.

BERLIN, Oct. 16—Authoritative sources said tonight a Netherlands trade delegation has expected here soon to determine to what extent the economic relations between the two countries may be maintained under war conditions.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 16—The steamship Agios Niconas, flying a Panama flag, left Balic on the Black Sea today for Palestine with 750 Jewish refugees from German-occupied Poland. While Rumania officially barred Jewish refugees from Poland, many thousands managed to get across the frontier in the confusion of the final days of the Polish exodus.

WELLESLEY, Mass., Oct. 16—(AP)—Roger W. Babson, business consultant, asserted today that Russia "is the controlling factor in the world" and that Joseph Stalin "is the greatest statesman."

In a paper before the 26th annual National Business Conference on business and investments, sponsored by Babson's statistical organization, he maintained that the "biggest danger" to Soviet Russia would "take over" all Europe if the war is fought to a finish.

"The whole world," he said, "with the possible exception of Russia, is hungry for a long period of peace." Babson advised investors to ignore the war "one way or the other" in their buying, but at the same time cautioned them to "have a little farm somewhere inland as an insurance policy."

He said his trip to the far east had convinced him that "some day, but when it comes Germany and Japan are likely to be lined up with England and France all against Russia."

Two Airmen Killed In Plane Crash
SNOW ROAD, Ont., Oct. 16—(CP)—Bodies of two Canadian Military Airmen who died in a plane crash six miles east of here Saturday, today were taken to Trenton, Ont., while the Defence Department instituted an inquiry into the crash.

Pilot Officer H. K. Corbett, Fred. Ericson, N. B., and Pilot Officer G. J. O'Leary, Winnipeg, were the victims. They took off Saturday from the Royal Canadian Air Force training station at Trenton on a navigation flight. Both joined the Air Force nine months ago and were receiving advanced training.

Alarm for their safety was felt when they did not return at the scheduled time. Sunday reports reached Snow Road, 65 miles north of Kingston, Ont., of a plane landing in the bush country to the east.

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Is Arrested In Sydney; Wanted Here
SYDNEY, N. S. Oct. 16—(CP)—City Police today were holding Ray Morell, 38, on a technical charge of vagrancy pending check on his previous activities, they reported. They said he was wanted in Charlottetown on a charge of false pretences.

Police Chief W. R. Tracey tonight was contacting police departments in eastern and central Canada in a check on the man.

Bermuda Touched By Hurricane

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Oct. 16—(CP)—The outer fringe of a tropical hurricane whirled over Bermuda today, disrupting electrical services and telephone communications and reaching several small ships. The wind reached a peak velocity of about 80 miles an hour. Tonight, this capital remained without electric current aside from telephone and power line damage, loss was slight. The hurricane's centre passed to the east of the colony.

Turks, Russians Hold Lengthy Secret Talks

By Witt Hancock
Associated Press Staff Writer

MOSCOW, Oct. 16—(AP)—Lengthy consultations between Turkish statesmen and diplomats who have been in Moscow for the past three weeks, and Soviet leaders took place today amid the same secrecy that marked Soviet Russia's recent negotiations with the Baltic States.

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At the same time wide speculation was caused by reports from Riga Latvia, that the U. S. S. R. had demanded that Germany order her citizens to emigrate to the United States, under the threat that she would not otherwise lend the Reich any of her gold reserve.

International Situation At A Glance
(By The Canadian Press)
LONDON—German bombers raid British Naval base near Edinburgh, Scotland, especially damaging two cruisers and destroyer; Admiralty announces two naval officers and 13 men killed, 12 seriously injured; at least four Ministry planes downed says Air Ministry after first German air attack over Great Britain.

PARIS—Germans drive French back in long-awaited attack on western front bringing heaviest fighting of war.

BERLIN—Germans claim torpedoing of British battle cruiser Repulse without stating result of a labal statement "absurd invention." Claim two British patrol planes downed in air raid over Scotland.

MOSCOW—Turkish Foreign Minister confers at Kremlin with Soviet leaders.

ANKARA—Turkish Cabinet reported sending new and final instructions to Moscow delegation which may lead to early Turkish-Russian pact.

HELSINGFORS—Finnish Government receives and begins study of Russian proposals; spokesman sees little solution.

BUDAPEST—Hungarian Nazi pact has reportedly crushed with arrest of 140 "death legion" members.

FINNS STUDY PROPOSALS FROM SOVIETS

Serious Problems Before Nation Is Reported — Defence Measures Continue.

By Lynn Heinzler
Associated Press Staff Writer

HELSINGFORS, Oct. 16—(AP)—The Finnish government today studied undisclosed Soviet Russian proposals brought back by its mission to Moscow and a spokesman said later "we remain calm and believe a solution can be found."

There was no evidence of slackening in defence measures, however, and it was announced more air raid drills were planned shortly. These steps were described by the government as a precaution against possible violation of "our independence and neutrality."

"The Russian demands present serious problems," the spokesman said, "but a practical solution can be found, in our opinion, if both sides show good will. We are trying so far as possible to understand the proposals made by the Soviet and to find a way to a peaceful solution."

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Neutrality Bill Credit Clause Deleted

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16—In a move regarded as strengthening their position in the fight for repeal of the United States arms embargo administration Senate leaders today consented to deletion from the revised neutrality bill of the clauses permitting 90-day credits to warring nations.

Administration leaders admitted the manoeuvre was aimed at eliminating controversy to minimize debate and speed a vote on the measure.

At the same time there were indications the administration might soon offer an amendment to relax the severe shipping restrictions of the bill which, as framed, ban all "sea-going United States ships from trading with belligerents."

Several Senators, avowedly in favor of the embargo repeal, have criticized the shipping restrictions. A number of others in favor of lifting the embargo have spoken in opposition to the credit provisions of the measure which would open American markets to all warring powers on a cash-and-carry basis.

Senator Key Pittman, (Democrat-Nevada) chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and sponsor of the revised neutrality measure issued a statement recommending the proposed amendment removing the credit clause which would give President Roosevelt the power to grant 90 day credits.

However, in spite of this, opponents of repeal told newspapermen there would be at least a four-hour session of formal debate making before the bill could be taken up for amendment.

War—25 Years Ago Today

OCT. 17, 1914—Allies recaptured Ammentiers on Belgian frontier and Germans advanced on Dunkirk. Austrians reported successes in Galician drive. British light cruiser, undaunted, assisted by four destroyers, sank four German destroyers off Netherlands coast.

Enemy Attack, Naval Depot In Scotland

Four German Bombers Shot Down In Battle Slight Damage Inflicted On Ships, The Admiralty Announces.

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

LONDON, Oct. 16—(CP Cable)—Warfare came to Great Britain today for the first time since hostilities began when German bombers struck in broad daylight at the Rosyth area near Edinburgh, one of Britain's naval depots, inflicting superficial damage on the 9,100-ton cruiser Southampton and the 1,870-ton destroyer Mohawk.

Four German planes out of the 12 or 14 which attempted to pay Britain back for the bombing raid on Kiel a few days after war was declared, were shot down, three by fast pursuit planes of the Royal Air Force.

The navy suffered 35 casualties—25 on the Mohawk by splinters from a bomb which fell in the water close by, seven on the 10,000-ton cruiser Edinburgh, from bomb splinters, and three on the Southampton from a bomb which glanced off her armored side causing slight damage near the bow. This bomb sank the admiral's barge and a pinnace which was moored empty alongside.

Later it was announced two naval officers, Commander R. F. Jolly and Lieutenant E. J. O'Shea and 13 men were killed. The casualties included 12 men seriously injured.

Each of the three ships which was a target for the Nazi airmen is ready to take to sea again, the Admiralty announced, adding that the bomb which struck the Southampton—the only one which actually hit a ship—was the first dropped on any British warship by a German plane since the war began.

The Southampton escorted the King and Queen on their voyage to Canada this year.

The bombing raid and the reports from the western front, has convinced those Britishers who still were skeptical, that the "war has started."

But sources close to the government said they thought it quite likely that Adolf Hitler might come through with another "peace proposal" after he has really tested the armed strength of the allied nations.

German planes power-dived on the famous Firth of Forth bridge while a passenger train was travelling across the half-mile long span. They did not hit it.

A curious feature of the raid was that some planes, including Edinburgh, sounded no sirens. The people lined the streets gazing up at aerial dog fights unaware that they were the real thing.

Even officers of the defence forces were under the impression for a while that all the planes were British because a few hours earlier there had been bombing practice on the Firth of Forth.

(A communique issued at Berlin claimed that two British cruisers were hit by bombs and that two British pursuit planes were shot down.)

Official Announcement
Official announcement of the attack was issued eight hours after it took place in the form of a joint communique from the air ministry and the admiralty.

German fighting ships lists the Southampton as a 9,100 ton vessel, completed in 1937, carrying a normal complement of 700.

(She carries 12 six-inch guns, 8 four-inch guns, one 3.7 inch howitzer, four three-pounders and 18 machine-guns.)

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C. A. Dunning Is Returning To Canada

LONDON, Oct. 16—(CP Cable)—It was revealed here tonight that Charles Dunning, former Canadian Finance Minister, sailed for home over the week-end, after a visit to the rural districts of Leicestershire where he was born. Mr. Dunning tendered his resignation to Prime Minister King on Aug. 1, but the offer was not accepted and he was in the Cabinet until Sept. 6 when Col. J. L. Balston was named Minister of Finance in his stead.

The former Finance Minister suffered a long illness and made the trip to England at the request of his doctors who ordered for him a long rest and a change.

Second Rail Wreck Caused By Blackout

LONDON, Oct. 17—(Tuesday)—(CP)—The engine of the Euston-Heysham night boat express roaring through the blackout at 50 miles an hour was derailed near Warwick, Leicestershire, last night when it ploughed into wreckage from the collision of a light engine and a freight train.

At least three persons were injured, one seriously.

It was the second railway wreck attributed to the blackout. Four persons were killed in a wreck at Bletchley Friday night.



TORONTO, Oct. 16—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: D on 10 11, Vanc-over 44 56, Edmonton 19 38, Winnipeg 29 33, Ottawa 33 62, Montreal 34 61.

Maritime East: Fresh winds; "b" cloudy, probably scattered showers somewhat cooler by Wednesday.

High tide this afternoon at 2:08 and tomorrow morning at 1:30. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:13 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:18. Full moon Oct. 19, 11:24 P. M.

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