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Strong Japanese Naval Force Engaged; Enemy Meets Hot Reception.

Canada To Bear Half Total Cost

Many More Men To Be Trained In Canada.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Despite the formidable Japanese force engaging in the operations against Midway Island, it still is difficult to weave a logical pattern of enemy purpose in the north-central Pacific that does not smack more of information-seeking than anything else.

Flat Denial Pearl Harbor Under Attack

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—A United States navy spokesman late today issued a flat denial of rumors that the Japanese are attacking Pearl Harbor.

Of Continental Coast During Day

Airdromes Are Included In Targets Selected; Heavy Ack-Ack Fire But Few Enemy Planes.

Coming Events

- See "Henpecked Henry" Victoria Hall, June 6th. 5-30-6-2-6. Reserve Thursday, July 2, for Milton Tea. 6-3-21. Book now for bulk wheat. W. I. Bowman. 5-29-41. Madam Doyel, Readings. 112 Prince. 6-6-21. Show and Dance, Bradalbane Tuesday. 6-6-21. Show—Malpeque Wednesday. 6-6-21. Reserve June 17th, Ice Cream in Clyde River Hall. 6-6-11. Kingston Players present "Ann's Proposal" in Milton Hall, June 9th. 6-1-6. Leading Hogs every Tuesday and P.M. at Five Houses, Justin Larkin. 1-4-11. Dance, Lorne Valley, Tuesday, June 9th. Webster's Orchestra. 6-5-221. Hummage sale, Trinity United Church Social Hall, Saturday 6-30 P.M. 6-6-11. Kingston players at Milton, Tuesday, June 9. Sponsored by A. F. A. 6-6-11. R. Land Coady trucking hogs for our patrons in Charlottetown area every week. Phone 1477 day time, 1794 evenings. Live Stock Marketing Board. 6-6-11. Loading hogs week of June 8th at usual shipping stations. "Paymies" trucking service at all points. Contact our local agent, Live Stock Marketing Board. 6-6-11. Kinkora Hall—Ice cream and music, Tuesday night, June 9th. 6-5-21. Trucking hogs as usual for the summer months. List your hogs with A. C. Green, Albany and King, Emerald 6-7-11-W-2-M-41. Farmers who are too busy to deliver their hogs, are invited to the advantage of our "paymies" trucking service. Notify our agent in your immediate locality when you are ready to ship, they do the rest. 6-6-11. Harry Loane—will begin Milk Route to Sturgeon Creek—factory on Monday, June 8th leaving Dairy Corner at 7:15 A.M. via Kilmar, Beaulieu, Bellevue, Bellview, Caledonia, Glen Martin and St. Mary's Road. 6-6-11. Livestock Marketing Board receiving hogs at Charlottetown every week day excepting Saturday. Shipping each Tuesday and Friday. All hogs on hand between shipping 6-6-11. Samuel Craswell loading hogs at Hunter River, Tuesday, June 9th. J. T. Somers at Breadalbane; E. N. Easter, North, Wilshire; George McKay, Albany; Moose Brook, Pictou at usual hours. Trucks trucking service in every case as required. 6-6-11. Truckmen who are in the habit of trucking hogs to Charlottetown each week are cordially invited to deliver stock at our yards at railway stock pens, foot of Prince Street on arrival. We pay top market values and give an excellent service. Let your patrons enjoy this unique marketing service. Live Stock Marketing Board. 6-6-11. Buying Pigs Monday at Fredrickson, Tuesday 10 A.M. Brookfield 2 P.M. York Station 3 P.M. Bedford, 4 P.M. Mt. Stewart, 6 P.M. Shea Stores, Waterville, 7 P.M. Henry Valley, Wednesday 10 A.M. Henry Valley 11 A.M. New Glasgow, 1 P.M. Corner, Wheatley River, 2 P.M. Wilshire, 3 P.M. Kelly's, 4 P.M. Emerald, Thursday 1 P.M. Kensington Cattle Pen, 2 P.M. Clifton Corner. Paying \$14.00 a pair for good pigs over 27 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen. 6-1-21. Monday, June 8, is being observed as the King's Birthday and a public holiday. The next issue of The Guardian will be on Tuesday, June 9.

HONOLULU, June 5 (AP)—A great air and naval battle, possibly with the possession of Midway Island at stake, presumably was in progress today off the low-lying outpost northwest of Hawaii, following an attempt in force by the Japanese yesterday to raid the strongly-fortified base.

The enemy ran into a hot reception, says a communique by the U.S. Navy. The Japanese fleet, and suffered direct hits on at least one battleship, an airplane carrier and possibly other warships. In addition, the defence forces took a heavy toll of attacking aircraft.

Midway's defenders continued the attacks on the enemy, Admiral Nimitz said, leading to comment by naval experts in Washington that the ensuing engagement may have been one of the greatest battles of the war in the Pacific so far.

These sources went so far as to say the outcome may determine the enemy's ability to strike again by the coast of Alaska, the west coast of the United States and Canada or even the Panama Canal.

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LONDON, June 5 (CP)—R. A. F. fighters swept over nearly 400 miles of the German-held continental coast this afternoon in what the Air Ministry announced was one of the biggest simultaneous offensives by these swift craft in all the war.

These vast operations ranged along the entire French channel coast from Belgium to Brittany and followed morning bombing attacks upon the Calais and Dunkerque area.

Four separate sorties were made, three in which Boston bombers attacked targets at Ostend and Le Havre and airdromes at Morlai and Lannion, bases 100 miles across the channel from which German convoy raiders operate.

The other attack was of a diversionary nature and was made by more than 100 Spitfires thrusting inland to Abbeville.

Morlai and Lannion were attacked in a single operation against heavy anti-aircraft fire but little Nazi fighter opposition, the air ministry reported.

The raiders planted their bombs squarely on Nazi airbases and everyone of them returned safely home.

Before the Germans had recovered from the shock of the first sortie, the Lannion was attacked again by British Whirlwinds, each blazing away at low level with all four of their cannons. They were accompanied by Spitfires.

The R. A. F. beat the sun up and in the bright light of dawn started massed formations of fighters and bombers across the channel in a day-long procession against northern France.

The air ministry announced losses for the day were six fighters each for both sides.

BERNE, Switzerland, June 5 (AP)—The first Cologne news papers since the monster R. A. F. raid of last Saturday night reached neutral territory today, carrying the sombre statement that the historic Rhinecliff city, as its people have known it, is "forever lost."

The Rheinische Zeitung, resumed publication last Wednesday, described Cologne as "still smoking ruins," with some fires still alight and whole quarters of the town empty.

(A German dispatch quoted by the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter said all the property of 10,000 persons was destroyed; that the central district of the city was ruined and that the damage reached deep into the suburbs.)

Said the Rheinische Zeitung: "The entire aspect of the city is completely changed. Tens of thousands of inhabitants during that night learned with horror that the individual is powerless against fate."

The newspaper avoided saying whether the Gothic Cathedral had been hit, but it did say that "most of the precious monuments which have held a chief place in German art were more or less destroyed by fire and are irreparable." It went on:

"Those who survived the night of May 30 and who on the morning looked at the city were fully aware that they had bade farewell forever to their Cologne, because the damage is enormous and because the integral part of the character and even the traditions of the city is gone forever."

A Berlin dispatch to the Zurich newspaper Neue Zuercher Zeitung quoted the following statement to the people of Cologne from the local Gauleiter: "The damage which the city has endured...there is hardly any one among us who has not been affected personally by the consequences of this night. We still shall need much patience and a long time to overcome the worst effects of this attack."

Reported Wounded On Active Service



SGT. C. H. PRATT, R.C.A.F.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pratt, St. Peter's, that their son, Sgt. C. H. Pratt, a wireless air gunner in the Royal Canadian Flying Corps in England, was wounded on active service during air operations on May 18. His wounds, however, are reported as being "not serious," and he is under the best of care in hospital in England.

International At A Glance

PACIFIC—U. S., Jap fleet, air forces believe engaged in great battle off Midway Island.

INDIA—War's greatest troop convoy disclosed to have landed at several ports; Japs within 45 miles of Burma-India border.

AUSTRALIA—Allied airmen sink two, probably three Axis submarines, making weeks probable total sweep.

CHINA—Chekiang rail centre of Chumien in peril; Chinese report U. S.; Roosevelt declares if such tactics continued "we shall be prepared to enforce complete retribution."

LIBYA—Nazi tank and dive-bomber attacks fail to budge British southern anchor.

RUSSIA—Reds launch aerial counter-offensive on Nazi Berlin air bases.

NORWAY—Norwegians report R. A. F. scores hit on battleship Tirpitz, heavy cruiser Von Ripper.

MY HENS ARE GOOD LAYERS 'CAUSE THEY LISTEN IN ON THE 'SETTING UP' EXERCISES



High tide this afternoon at 4:28 and tomorrow morning at 5:36. Sun sets this evening at 7:42 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:15. New moon June 13, 4:02 p.m.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY From Borden - Leave 6:30 a.m. 9:25 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 7:35 p.m. Leave Cape Tormentine - 7:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 9:10 p.m. SUNDAY SERVICE (May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive) Leave Borden 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 4:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m. Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Hong Kong Report Tabled In Commons

Men Responsible For Sending Force Overseas Absolved From Blame.

OTTAWA, June 5 (CP)—Canadian Government officials and officers of the services were absolved of any "dereliction of duty or error in judgment," with one small exception, in the report of Chief Justice Sir Lyman Duff on the organization and dispatch of the Canadian expedition to Hong Kong, made public today.

The exception was a suggestion by the Chief Justice that the Quartermaster-General's branch might have shown more "initiative and energy" and taken advantage of the opportunity to place some 29 motor vehicles on the transport which took the expedition to Hong Kong.

But, he said, "there is no evidence that the troops suffered through lack of them, or that they were not supplied in Hong Kong."

(Maj.-Gen. E. J. C. Schmidlin, Quartermaster-General when the expedition was organized, retired last February and was succeeded by Maj.-Gen. J. P. MacKenzie.)

Sitting as a Royal Commissioner, the Chief Justice held lengthy and detailed hearings on the "organization, authorization and dispatch" of the 1985 Canadian troops who sailed from Vancouver last Oct. 27 and suffered disaster in the loss of Hong Kong to the Japanese Christmas Day.

The Commissioner concluded: "I, in accepting the British War Office invitation to send the troops to Hong Kong 'I have no objection to the report of the Chief Justice...'"

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Rescued After 3 Days In Lifeboat AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, June 5 (CP)—The majority of the crew of a torpedoed allied merchantman have been landed here after spending three days in lifeboats before they were picked up by a Canadian merchant vessel. They were from two of three lifeboats which got away from their craft, blasted in the middle of the night without warning.

The fate of the third lifeboat, which contained the captain, was unknown. The survivors told of their bitter disappointment, then on the third day in the boats they sighted a vessel which turned away, apparently mistaking them for the crew of a submarine. Later the Canadian crew picked them up, all praised their rescuers.

Island Man Is Re-Elected SACKVILLE, N. B., June 5 (CP)—The annual meeting of the lay association of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada was held this afternoon with the president, W. E. Brooks, O'Leary, P.E.I., presiding.

The treasurer, Fred Campbell, Sackville, N. S., reported on the heavy George Murray fund and stated that the following sums had been received: \$549 from Nova Scotia, \$183 from New Brunswick and \$392 from Prince Edward Island. The sum of \$1,000 had been forwarded to Toronto.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Brooks; Vice-President for Nova Scotia, Daniel MacIvor, Kentville; Vice-President for New Brunswick, F. W. Barker, Fredericton; Vice-President for Prince Edward Island, G. R. Leard, Pownal. Mr. Campbell was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. MacIvor presented a number of resolutions of the executive dealing with the use of laymen in the ministry of the church and also for the adequate maintenance of the ministry.

Death Last Night of Mr. Allan Forsyth

A wide circle of friends will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Allan Forsyth, Charlottetown, which occurred at his home shortly before midnight last night. He was a retired business man and was widely known throughout the province. He was in his 85th year.

In the passing of Mr. Forsyth at his home here another link with the past has been broken.

Born near Alberton on Jan. 4th, 1857, of Scottish descent, he was reared on a farm and during his long and active life he still retained a strong affinity with things of the soil.

About 1887 he became associated with Mr. Warren Miller and later with A. Horne & Co. in conducting a piano and general music business.

For a number of years he was a familiar figure, especially in Prince County, where his keen sense of humor and likable disposition made him a friend of whom a few still survive. He had seen many changes since those days remembering well the lean, but not unhappy years when the horse and buggy was the chief mode of transport. Latterly he was able as sole owner of the firm he started with, to reap a fair return for his years of conscientious public dealing and he was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy.

Since his retirement and subsequent ill-health, and especially when a year ago his life was saddened by the death of his wife, Mrs. M. F. Graves, who never neglected to visit him, were of inestimable value and greatly appreciated by himself and family.

He leaves to mourn one son William Merritt, President of the firm of Miller Bros. Ltd. and four daughters, Margaret in Ottawa, Helen, Mrs. F. H. Littlejohns, Westfield, N. B., Irene, Mrs. M. F. Graves and Bessie, Mrs. J. R. Nelson of this city, and Etta at home. Also two sisters, Margaret, wife of Rev. P. H. Larkin, D.D., Toronto and Belle, wife of W. A. Murray, Lexington, Mass.

The funeral will be held from his late residence Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Says Coal Mines Work Short Time

OTTAWA, June 5 (CP)—Clarke Gillis (C.C.F. Onpe Breton South) said in the House of Commons today that, in the face of possible coal rationing for Canada, coal mines in the east and west were being closed or put on short time.

During debate on the war appropriation bill, Mr. Gillis said that the fuel control board "has wholly fallen down on the job."

Mr. Gillis said he believed most of the trouble in the coal mining industry in the last two years was organized by a "hidden hand." He said that John Stokalk, district 18 vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America, speaking at Nanaimo, B. C., had said that coal interests were trying to slow production in Vancouver Island coal mines.

The charges made by Mr. Stokalk should be investigated by the government, said Mr. Gillis. He said he had been informed that mines would be closed on short time.

Finance Minister Isley said the matter would be investigated if Mr. Gillis made available the information in his possession and his remarks would be brought to the attention of the coal administrator, J. M. G. Stewart.

Mr. Isley said he had been told there was a transportation bottleneck in respect to coal.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

CHICAGO, June 5 (AP)—Virginia Lee Corbin, 31, child star of the movies 15 years ago, died here today of a heart ailment. She was the wife of Charles Jacobson, a Chicago broker.