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ALLIES CAPTURE HIGH GROUND IN ITALY

Province Passes 52 Per Cent Of Victory Loan Objective

Cardigan District First In Province Over The Top

The Victory loan total in this Province climbed to $1,560,850 yesterday, slightly more than 52 per cent of the Island's $3,000,000 quota.

Cardigan district in King's County had the honor to be the first district in the Province to go "over the top" in the Fifth Victory Loan.

Cardigan's objective was $11,130, and news that this goal had been reached and passed was released last night by Provincial loan headquarters.

By districts the totals (quotas in brackets) at the close of business last night were: Summerside, $383,950 ($550,000); Prince County outside Summerside, $326,850 ($600,000); Charlottetown, $580,050, ($975,000); Queen's County outside Charlottetown, ($475,000)

King's County, $114,950 ($400,000).

Remembrance Day Observance

OTTAWA, Oct. 28—(CP)—Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, is not a statutory or legal holiday in wartime Canada but by order-in-council the government has stated it is in the discretion of any municipality to make provision for the appropriate observance" of the day.

The general practice has been to arrange special services in memory of war dead at 11 a.m. local time.

Possibly as a guide to other employers the order-in-council states that members of the federal civil service will be excused from work from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Nov. 11, "provided, however, that adequate staffs shall be retained on duty to meet the requirements of urgent public business"

Plans To Produce A Diseased Free Potato Crop

Of interest to the farmers of the province, is the construction now under way, of a green house at the Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Charlottetown, for seed potato inspection service.

The purpose is to eye-index foundation stock for certified seed potato growers

Under the plan, each grower will give 300 tubers for indexing. One eye will be taken from each and grown in the green house. Should any of these plants prove diseased the tubers from which that particular eye has been taken will be discarded and the remainder returned to the grower. These he will plant in a tuber unit seed plot and will eventually save him time and trouble as he will be able to produce a disease free crop of seed potatoes.

The green house is a 76 ft. x 32 ft. building and will accommodate 10,000 plants at one time. It is expected that two complete batches of 10,000 plants each can be grown between January and May 15.

The work has been sponsored by the Science Service Plant Protection Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Officer Commanding Regiment Missing

OWEN SOUND, Ont. Oct. 28—(CP)—Acting Lt. Col. A.A. (Bert) Kennedy of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment is missing in action in Italy, his wife was advised today.

Formerly second in command of the regiment, Col. Kennedy was named officiser commanding and acting Lieutenant Colonel following the death in action in Sicily of Lt.-Col. Bruce Sutcliffe, former officer commanding.

COMING EVENTS

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**Talkies—Murray Harbor Monday. Matinee 3.45 P. M. 10-28-3i.

**Rummage Sale, C. W. L. Hall, Saturday, October 30th. 10-29-2i.

**Talkies—Mount Stewart Saturday. Shows 7.30 and 9.30. 10-29-2i.

**Hunter River Farmers loading dressed hogs November 12th. 10-28-3i.

**Unloading Old Sydney Screened Coal at Milton. B. C. Webster. 10-29-2i.

**Kingston Women's Institute, Pantry Sale at Holman's Saturday for war purposes. 10-28-2i.

**Bean Supper and Dance, St. George's School, Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. 10-29-4i.

**Unloading car Barley, bulk, Thursday and Friday mornings. Bring bags. Court & Son Bedford. 10-27-3i.

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

**Meadow Bank School, Women's Institute movies, war films. Sale of lunches, Friday, October 29th, 8 P.M. 10-29-1i.

**Meeting of the Hunter River Yorkshire Breeding Club will be held at New Glasgow Hall, Saturday, Oct. 30, 8.30 p.m. Important business. 10-28-3i

Meat Loaf and Scallop served Drapeau Hall, Saturday, Oct. from 5 to 9 in aid of St. John's 10-27-2i

Demonstrations By Army Are Planned Today

Today, the demonstrations postponed because of inclement weather, of No. 62 C.A.B.T.C. and the Ack Ack Battery will take place.

At 12.30 the display of infantry weapons and the explanation of their uses in warfare will be shown in the Market Square under the direction of Lt. J.J. McDonald, D. C.M.

The Ack Ack Battery in action against a raiding aircraft will be demonstrated by Capt Bev. Piers and his crew of 30 men at 8 p.m.

These two shows of great interest to the public are part of the army's effort to help make the Victory Loan campaign a success.

Fingerprint Allowed In Murder Trial

NASSAU, Bahamas, Oct. 28—(AP)—A fingerprint went into the records against Alfred de Marigny today, but his lawyers sought to soften the impact on the jury trying him for the murder of Sir Harry Oakes by raising two doubts about the evidence.

Hoarse and excited Godfrey S. Higgs, chief defence counsel shouted questions in the Bahamas Supreme Court room until he had brought out that no one can point to the exact spot on the bedscreen from which the disputed print was taken.

Then he turned upon Capt. James O. Barker to question the qualifications of the American detective who introduced the fingerprint—the Crown's principal evidence against De Marigny, accused of murdering his father-in-law last July.

De Marigny grimaced when Chief Justice Sir Oscar Bedford Daly ruled that the print was admissable. Then he shrugged his shoulders, settled back on his bench in the prisoner's cage and smiled.

After pondering the question overnight, Sir Oscar held that it was up to the jury to decide whether the fingerprint exhibited by Barker actually was lifted from the surface of a bed-screen which witnesses have said stood in the bedroom of the Canadian millionaire at the time of the slaying.

Thus he set a precedent for British courts, lawyers saying it is the first time a jurist has ruled in the Empire that a print lifted on to Scotch tape or adhesive rubber is good evidence.

If Not War Then Civilian Production

OTTAWA, Oct. 2—(CP)—John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, today made public an exchange of telegrams in which he urged that "if war production is slackening—for reasons of lessened military needs, I think it time we prepared to make better use of plants for essential civilian needs."

Fred Joyce, international representative of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) Tuesday wired Mr. Bracken protesting against reduction from six to five days in the working week at the Dominion forge and stamping plant in Windsor.

Pope Pius Asks Rome Be Spared

BERNE, Oct. 28 — (AP) — A report that Pope Pius XII has sent notes to all belligerents, asking that Rome be considered a holy city and spared from fighting, was printed today in the Neue Zuercher Zeitung of Zurich.

In a Rome dispatch, the newspaper said it was reported the Germans have not answered but that they had given assurances tending to allay the worst fears of the Vatican for the possible fate of Rome.

Civil Strife Flames In Yugoslavia

LONDON, Oct. 28—(APP)—The guerillas of the Royal Yugoslav government and the partisans of Gen. Josip Broz (Drug Tito) banded charges of treachery and treason today in a sharpening of internecine strife in Yugoslavia while German motorized and armored troops smashed into the hilly strongholds in an apparent effort to wipe out both their forces.

Norwegian Navy Wins Honors In Atlantic Battle

LONDON, Oct. 28—(CP)—The Royal Norwegian Navy, comprising more than 60 units operating from bases scattered around the world, has won honors, too, in the battle of the Atlantic.

Helping escort convoys to fight Uboats in the Atlantic are at least four Norwegian corvettes with the disarming names of "Potentilla" "Eglantine," "Rose," and "Acanthus." A fifth, the "Montbretia," was lost a year ago. Their commanders were recently awarded various Norwegian decorations by King Haakon, but for security reasons no names and little information can be given concerning the awards.

It is permissable, however, to tell a bit about their meetings with Nazi raiders. About a year ago, for instance, the "Potentilla," along with the "Rose" and "Montbretia" were engaged in one of the hottest U-boat battles they had ever experienced. There were more U-boats than escort vessels but that didn't deter the Norwegian seaman.

The "Potentilla" and "Rose" made at least 20 attacks and six times oil and wreckage were observed, but in the heat of battle the warships were not able to fish up proof of their successes. The "Montbretia," too, helped drive off the raiders with guns and depth charges, but one night she was caught between two U-boats and torpedoed. Forty-seven men, including the commander, were lost.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Nazi forces in the Dnieper bend trap in Russia still have a long-odds chance of escaping the fate that overtook 300,000 comrades before Stalingrad last winter.

Under shelter of what Berlin styled the "super battle" of Krivoi Rog, they have made a long stride toward the 50-mile-wide escape corridor south of that point to the river. The retreat from the bend is progressing under circumstances that testify to the efficiency of German staff work, and the still staunch morale of German troops.

There is no authoritative estimate of the number of Nazi troops caught in the sack formed by the Russian break-through from Kremenchug to Krivoi Rog. It is obvious from current Moscow reports that the retreat is still a withdrawal, not a rout.

Troops in the most exposed positions in the northern and northeastern sectors of the bend are being pulled back first. There appeared Thursday night to be a definite pattern to the retirement, taking full advantage of the shelter of the Dnieper marshes south of Zaporozhe and on both sides of the stream's lower course to the point where it broadens into an estuary of the Black Sea.

To seal the trap the Russians south of the bend in the Nogais Steppe must pierce those marshes and cross the stream itself to effect a junction with their red spearhead investing Krivoi Rog. Two Russian columns which poured westward through the Melitopol break are stabbing northeastward toward Nikopol, the site of the narrows of the Dnieper marsh lands.

It seems certain, however, that short of a smashing Russian victory at Krivoi Rog over German forces massed there to hold open the escape corridor, it still is possible for the Nazis east of that danger point to make their way to safety. The battle of Krivoi Rog is deciding their fate.

Economic Unification Of Europe Seen Necessary

Session of Canadian Chamber of Commerce continued; Gardiner speaks on food production.

SEIGNIORY CLUB, Que., Oct. 28—(CP) — Economic unification of Europe "under the aegis of Soviet Russia" was forseen tonight by John F. Fennelly, executive director of the United States committee for economic development.

Speaking at the annual dinner here of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, he said:—

"The greatest single accomplishment in my opinion, which can emerge from the agony of the present war would be the economic unification of Europe. Unless this is achieved we shall have nothing but chaos over there, and a fertile seedground for future wars.

"Right now it is somewhat difficult for me to see how this unification is going to be accomplished unless it takes place under the aegis of Soviet Russia.

"Nevertheless, I am so firmly convinced that economic unification of Europe is the only path to possible permanent peace, and is so vitally important for our own future economic progress, that we must at all costs keep this objective constantly before us....."

Food Production

Agriculture Minister J.G. Gardiner keynoted the day session with a luncheon address on food production, export and consumption, in which he said that "although farmers have put forth every effort to produce to the limit we expect 1943 to drop below 1942 in tonnage for food production. We are appealing for the same production in 1944 as in 1943.

"We believe that with the best co-operation from all there will be a drop in tonnage of pork and possibly dairy products. We hope for some net increases in beef, poultry and grains. This latter, however, depends almost entirely on weather.

"The returns per unit to farmers will be higher in the fifth year of the war than in any other, and with ceiling controls costs to consumers should not be higher.

Mr. Gardiner said that adverse weather in 1943 "resulted in a poor crop in the greatest meat, dairy and poultry area in Canada, namely, Ontario and Quebec, and in a crop failure or near crop failure in at least 880 townships, in the grain producing area of Saskatchewan and Alberta."

Reconstruction in the post-war area was dealt with by Senator N. P. Lambert and J.G. Turgeon, Liberal member of parliament for Gariboo, respectively chairmen of Senate and House of Commons reconstruction committees.

Senator Lambert forecast taxation will be heavy and financial policies will be even more difficult to evoke and carry out in the immediate post-war years.

GREAT OCEAN CONVOYS

British ocean convoys totalled 125,000,000 ship-miles in the first three years of war. This is equivalent to 6,000 times around the world.

Winnipeg's Pied Piper Is Angry

WINNIPEG, Oct. 28—(CP) — Winnipeg's pied piper, N. Pulin, credited with exterminating thousands of rats at the city dump, today was peeved and threatened court action.

He demands payment of $1,025 to meet bills for poison and car expenses. The city health committee said Poulin made unauthorized expenditures.

Poulin said he couldn't spirit the city's children away in the manner of the Pied Piper of Hamalin "but I'll bring the rats back if they don't pay up."

He announced he would sue the city, adding: "My contract stated I would be supplied with all materials."

Dr. Steel Speaks At Mount Allison

SACKVILLE, N. B., Oct. 28 —(CP) — The Alumni Regents, faculty and students of Mount Allison University, ladies college and academy paraded to Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall today in observance of Founder's Day, celebrated annually for the last 25 years in memory of Charles F. Allison, who founded Mount Allison in 1840.

Speaker at the service was Dr. G. Douglas Steel, a Mount Allison graduate and principal of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. Rev. Dr. A. E. Kerr, principal of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, was chairman. Following the service, sprigs of spruce were placed on the founder's grave.

N. S. And N. B. Loan Totals

HALIFAX, Oct. 28 — (C P) — Subscriptions of $1,482,000 today boosted Nova Scotia's Fifth Victory Loan total to $23,087,000, or 63 per cent of the province's $36,500,000 objective.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Oct. 28 — (C P) — Victory loan subscriptions in New Brunswick today declined to $949,450, raising the total to $13,036,250. The province has an objective of $24,500,000, requiring a daily average of $1,500,000 during the campaign. Carleton, with 69.8 is leading in percentage of public sales quota, followed by Charlotte and Westmoreland.

Collapse Of Coal Production Threatens In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—(AP)—A general collapse of coal production in the United States threatened tonight as thousands of additional miners joined in walkouts protesting the war labor board's wage proposals which John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers President, declared would cut basic pay rates.

Since the W.L.B. had warned that all strikes must end by this morning, it appeared the situation would be handed over to the White House. This could mean that the government would again seize at least some of the mines and perhaps, this time, invoke penalties against the union.

More than 19,000 miners quit work during the day—boosting the total of idle in the unauthorized strike to more than 60,000—even before Lewis made public his reaction to the W.L.B's suggested wage compromise. The miners' chieftain set forth his views by making public a telegram to district presidents of the United Mine Workers which said "in rejecting the negotiated Illinois agreement and recommending the substitution of its own formula, the war labor board is asking the mine workers . . to accept a reduction in their basic hourly rate.

"The existing basic hourly rate is $1 per hour for 7 hours work or $7 per day.

"The war labor board proposes a rate of $8.12 1-2 for a work day of 8 1-2 hours or an hourly rate of 95 1-2 cents per hour. Acceptance of this plan would impose a wage reduction of the mine workers . . amounting to 4 1-2 cents per hour."

The current scale of $7 for a 7-hour day is figured on time spent by the miner at his working place within the mine. Many miners, however, must spend an hour or more in underground travel before reaching their working places. The Illinois agreement to which Lewis referred called for $8.50 for an 8-1-2 hour day figured from the time the miner entered the mine until he emerged above ground.

The W.L.B. promptly disputed Lewis' analysis. A spokesman said Lewis leaves out travel time as working time when he calculates the present rate of $1 an hour and he included it as working time when he calculates what he calls the board's rate of 95 1-2 cents."

Canuck Paratroops Join British Unit

By Doug How
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Oct. 28 — (CP Cable) — It was learned today that the Canadian parachute unit in Britain has been merged with a British parachute division and is preparing for action with it.

There had been conjecture since formation of the units was announced whether it would be fitted into the Canadian overseas army and if so, how.

Training with Britons presumably means it will fight as part of the British formation similar to the way the Canadian 1st Infantry Division joined the British 8th Army in Sicily and continued with Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery in Italy.

The knowledge added further to speculation whether any plans to keep Canadians as an entity are definitely finished.

On the other hand, it also raised the possibility that the Britain based Canadians — the overseas army is known to contain five divisions, three infantry, two armoured — will be used as part of the spearhead of a big British or Allied army in some future action in which parachute troops would figure as they did in the American 7th Army in Sicily.

In this event Canadian paratroops would still be fighting with Canadians.

The parachute unit has been in Britain for some months adding to the training gained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Shilo, Man.

German Civilian Air Raid Casualties

LONDON, Oct. 24 — (CP) —An Exchange Telegraph Agency dispatch from Zurich today said 1,200,086 German civilians have been killed or reported missing in Allied air raids from the start of the war to Oct. 1. The agency said the figure was obtained from a member of the Government Statistics Office in Berlin.

The number bombed out or evacuated because of air raid danger was said to be 6,953,000.

(In Britain from the beginning of the war to the end of September, 1943, there have been 48,282 civilians killed and 61,192 injured in air raids.)

Progress Said Satisfactory

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 — (AP) — The BBC said tonight that Frank Gillard, BBC reporter, had reported that "Allied naval units have shelled Gaeta, the port 30 miles north of Naples."

"The bombardment was carried out in full daylight in conjunction with Allied aircraft," said the broadcast, recorded by CBS. "The targets were troop concentrations and transport columns. Gillard says much damage was also done to important roads in this area."

ALGIERS, Oct. 28—(AP) —Defying a steady rain and deadly concentrations of German artillery, Lt.-Gen. Mark Clark's Anglo-American troops have driven the enemy from important high ground along both sides of the upper Volturno river as they push doggedly toward the Nazis' powerful new mountain defence line.

The Nazi-controlled Rome radio said the Allied armies had passed to the offensive after several days of active reconnaisance thrusts and that "this is the bitterest fighting experienced on this front" since Salerno.

"Our progress is satisfactory," an Allied headquarters communique announced today in reporting the capture of Riardo, 11 miles northwest of Capua, by Gen. Clark's troops and the continued success of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's British 8th army in throwing bridges across the Trigno river on the Adriatic end of the battle line and in making ground gains further inland.

The Germans have massed great concentrations of artillery and mortars to defend their mountain line running from Mondragone on the Tyrrhenian Sea to Vasto on the Adriatic. Entrenched in camouflaged positions are 88-millimetre guns and 210-millimetre mortars, two of the enemy's most effective weapons, as well as many other types of field pieces, machine-guns

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Russian Trap Closing On Many Germans

(By The Canadian Press)

Russian tank and infantry forces, pouring across the desert steppe west of captured Melitopol in an effort to close a trap on hundreds of thousands of Germans, have captured the Nizhne-Saragozhy rail junction and narrowed the Nazis' escape corridor from the lower Dnieper and the Crimea to a gap 60 miles.

The Russians, in a 12-mile advance yesterday, took Nizhne-Saragozhy, more than halfway to the Dnieper and only 30 miles from Perekoi, which straddles the only Crimean railway remaining to the Germans. Further imperilling the Germans, Russian troops pressing on Krivoi Rog inside the Dnieper bend cut the Nikolaev-Znamenka railway west of the city.

Chinese Launch Counter Offensive

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28 — (AP) — Chinese troops aided by American airmen launched a counter offensive Tuesday in some sectors of the Salween River front near the Burma border in Yunnan Province, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese and taking prisoners, it was announced today.

Heavy bombers attacked the advance Japanese base of Tengchung, in western Yunnan, while others dumped 56 tons of bombs on the enemy's freight yards at Haipong, French Indo - China, scoring "many direct hits on rolling stock, warehouses, and the yards themselves", said a communique from Lt.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters.

Medium bombers, striking enemy shipping off Hainan Island in the South China Sea sank a 300 foot transport and two 200 foot tankers, one of which exploded, and left a freighter listing.

German Morale May Be Slipping In Italy

By WILLIAM STEWART
C. P. War Correspondent

WITH CANADIAN FORCES IN ITALY, Oct. 26—(Delayed)—(CP Cable)—Canadian troops have taken more German prisoners during the last 10 days than they had at any time previously since the start of the Italian campaign Sept. 3. There are signs the morale of enemy troops is definitely on the downgrade.

An unusual incident was the surrender of 17, including an officer and a non-commissioned officer who gave themselves up without firing a shot by following a Berlin Communist into the Canadian lines.

There is also reliable evidence that Germans fighting in Italy are conversing in defeatist tones wondering where the Russian retreat will lead and how much longer Germany can stand up to air attack.

On the Italian front what the Germans dislike most is bombing. Hardy veterans among them know how best to protect themselves from the heavy shelling to which they have been subjected, but constant strafing and bombing and the notable absence of German aircraft is getting them down.

Most of them consider the war as definitely lost. They kept fighting as well as they have been largely because of their thorough discipline and the fighting leadership of their officers.

Prisoners taken in one sector included Poles, Czechs, Netherlanders, Belgians and the odd Frenchman who have not served too willingly because of what their families suffered at the hands of Nazis.

When brought into camps they are obviously nervous because they have been told the Allies will shoot them. They brighten with relief when informed they are merely destined for prison camps.

A few of them believe the war will end before the end of the present year with Germany the loser.

BOSTON, Oct. 28 — (C P) — Maine forecast: Light showers except snow flurries at higher elevations and continued cool Friday and Friday evening. Fresh to occasionally strong winds Friday will diminish slowly Friday evening.

High tide this morning at 12.06 and tonight at 11.57.

Sun sets this evening at 5.54 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.34.

First quarter moon Nov. 4, 11.22 p. 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.

P. E. I.-N.S. Ferry Service Daily including Sundays.
Leave Wood Islands—10.00 a.m
2.15 p.m.
Leaves Cariboo 12.15 p.m. 6.15

HALF HHOLIDAY NOV. 11

SAINT JOHN, N.B. Oct. 28—(CP)—Mayor C.R. Wasson will issue a proclamation requesting that all workers, except those engaged in essential war work, be allowed a half holiday Nov. 11, Remembrance Day, according to a decision reached by the City Council today. Remembrance Day last year was proclaimed a holiday here until 1 p.m.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

BINDING