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ITALIAN FLEET SPEEDS AWAY FROM ROYAL NAVY



FRIEND OF BRITAIN Dean of United States senators, Senator Carter Glass, 82, declares "there is nothing we shouldn't give Britain. Her cause is our cause."

Italian Water Supply Hit By British

WITH THE BRITISH TROOPS IN THE EGYPTIAN DESERT, Oct. 4.—(Friday)—(AP)—British troops struck hard at the Italian water supply in the western desert today while awaiting the invaders' next thrust.

Curious Quiet Settles Over Channel Area

LONDON, Oct. 3.—(CP)—The Air Ministry announced tonight that night operations "are in progress as usual," presumably inland on the continent.

The announcement was made when ministry officials were asked to explain a curious quiet which settled over the Channel coast.

For the first time in 41 days, there had been no German raid over the Dover section of England all day.

Last night, the Royal Air Force, despite bad weather, attacked within Germany but passed up the Channel ports opposite Dover.

Among targets attacked were the oil plants at Stettin, Hamburg and Bitter.

The Krupp works, great German armament plants, bombed some weeks ago, but not mentioned in recent air ministry bulletins, were attacked last night at Essen.

Freight yards at Cologne, a railway junction at Hamm, and several enemy airbases were also under aerial attack.

SEAMEN DESERT SYDNEY, N. S., Oct. 3.—(CP)—Eleven seamen from a foreign ship deserted their vessel here today, but city police rounded up five of them in a few hours. Search continued for the other six, while the captured men were held for immigration authorities.

House Will Meet Nov. 5 To Adjourn Until January

Appointments Are Announced At Ottawa — Defence Minister Ralston Will Visit Britain.

Hitler And Mussolini To Meet Today?

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Private sources, usually well informed, claimed tonight that Hitler and Mussolini would meet tomorrow in the Brenner Pass to put the finishing touches on a busy diplomatic performance that already has brought Japan into the axis and may soon bring in Spain.

Official quarters refused to confirm or deny this, but hints that the two nations of the axis are in the offing for tomorrow.

Reports from Rome added support to statements in private sources that Hitler and Mussolini as well as their foreign office staffs already are on the way.

Italian informants in Berlin had similar information. Office spokesmen continued to surround the affair with secrecy.

"There is great diplomatic activity at present," said one, adding that reports of the prospective conference constituted an "indiscretion."

The foreign office press chief, Paul Schmidt, already has left the city. If Hitler's plan was to go to the conference by train it would have been necessary for him to have left soon after noon.

Hitler and Mussolini already have met once in the Brenner Pass. They conferred there in a railroad car on March 18, at which time, it was generally understood, final plans were made for Italy's subsequent entrance into the war at a critical stage.

"In Rome today, Virginia Gayda claimed in the Fascist publication Il Giornale D'Italia that the axis powers are in full agreement and "It is only a matter now," he went on, "of coordinating political and military plans and actions still being made."

He is not impatient to end the war soon. (Then he indicated that any separate peace negotiations are out of the question, saying, "They have agreed to arrive together at complete victory, which must be a new regime of Europe and Africa.")

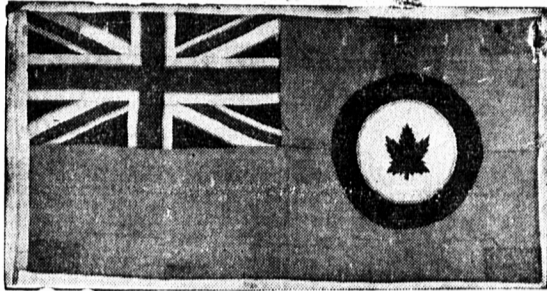
Presbyterian Synod Completes Annual Session

Stellarton Selected As Place Of Meeting Next Year — Important Resolutions Adopted.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada completed their business at Summerside last night and adjourned until next year. The end of the session followed a quick dispatch of business.

Earlier in the day it had been expected a meeting would be required this morning. The closing session of the Synod last night was marked with an eloquent address by Rev. E. A. Thompson for the young people of the church.

R.C.A.F. Has Own Flag Now



A change in the Royal Canadian Air Force flag, substituting a maple leaf for a red circle inset in the flag, is designed to give it a distinctive Canadian touch, R.C.A.F. sources reveal. The new flag, unfurled by Air Marshal Bishop when he visited a Canadian Army Co-operation squadron somewhere in southern England, was approved by the King. Until the change the R.C.A.F. flag was the same as that of the R.A.F. The flag has a light blue background with the centre of the Union Jack in the canton next to the staff. In the centre of the side of the flag away from the staff there is a large, darker blue circle with a smaller white circle in the centre. The maple leaf is in the centre of the white circle, replacing the solid red circle of the R.A.F. flag. The flag will be flown at all R.C.A.F. establishments in the empire.

Labor Gets Wider Role In British Wartime Cabinet

Prime Minister Churchill Shuffles Cabinet And Accepts Chamberlain's Resignation With Regret.

Defence Board Men To Confer At Halifax

HALIFAX, Oct. 3.—(CP)—Defence experts of Canada and the United States are meeting here today for the first time since the joint Defence Board of the two countries and officials on the protection of the northern section of the Atlantic.

The Canada-U.S. Defence Board members arrived here by automobile from Yarmouth, N.S., after a voyage by ship from Boston, where they held a meeting yesterday. They were to hold discussions tomorrow with two members of the commission government of Newfoundland, where the U.S. proposes setting up a defence base.

Members of the Defence Board, who arrived in Yarmouth this morning, travelled to this city along Nova Scotia's South Shore, which has been mentioned previously as the most likely area for a United States naval base—if that country should ever establish one in Canada to aid in defence of the seacoast against invasion. But Board members did not discuss the matter.

The members, five from each country, stopped for lunch at Shelburne, which boasts one of the finest harbours in the world. Col. O. M. Biggar, chairman of the Canadian section of the Board, said on arrival here, however, they had not inspected the harbor.

The Board issued no statement to the press here. Mayor Floreio LaGuardia, of New York, chairman of the U. S. section, had said a "defence of this coast in case of attack" would be the subject of tomorrow's discussions.

The people of this country must be made absolutely safe from invasion, and there will be no lagging in these defensive plans, he said. Here, he declined to comment on the trip, except to say the province possessed "splendid scenery." He said a statement would be issued tomorrow after the conference adjourns.

Urges Closer Ties With Canada NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—(CP)—The New York Times said today the requirement of the United States Department of State that Canadians carry passports to visit the country is an "obvious mistake" and urged that it be rescinded.

Commenting editorially upon last week's tour of Canada's defence facilities by a party of United States newspapermen, made at the invitation of Canadian publishers, headed by W. Rupert Davies, president of The Canadian Press, the Times said the visit "has forged a new link in the stout chain of friendship between these two American nations."

"Nor should our mutual efforts be limited to military co-operation... the passport requirement should be rescinded and every effort should be made to correlate and complement the activities of the two nations."

Expect Anglo-Russian Trade Talks To Resume

By J. F. SANDERSON Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, Oct. 3.—(CP Cable)—Britain and Russia are expected to resume negotiations for a trade agreement in the next few days, officials here tonight.

Russian Ambassador Ivan Maisky conferred today with R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on what authoritative quarters described as "the general political situation."

This is expected as a result of the German-Japanese pact which, among other things, had the effect of making Russia the "great outside power" in the Far East. Several months ago, British and Russian officials had been made to negotiate a trade pact with Russia but it is expected that now concerted attempts will be made to strike an agreement.

A Russian trade delegation has been in London for many weeks and it is believed that negotiations will be carried out simultaneously in London and Moscow.

One of the big obstacles to an agreement was Britain's seizure of the gold resources of the Baltic States, swallowed by Russia, and the Soviet's seizure of British assets in those countries. It is expected that an agreement on this "monetary question" will be made first.

Britain is in a position to supply Russia with rubber, tin and many other products needed by the Soviets and which could be delivered without interference from the axis powers. In return Russia might supply lumber—the whole deal on a barter basis.

H. G. Wells Says Nazi Finish Near NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—(AP)—H. G. Wells, British author, arrived today on the liner Scythia and said, "I think Jerry (Nazi Germany) is getting near the end of his tether."

Some of the German planes recently shot down in Great Britain were newly completed, he said. "I think some of the pilots young and inexperienced, and 'one machine-gunner we got had never been up in a plane before.'"

Wells did not believe the United States should enter the war. "If you came into the war with your party politics, it would interfere with final settlement," he said. The Scythia arrived with 808 passengers, 90 of them children coming under arrangement by the U. S. committee for the care of European children.

Hull Says No Basis To Reports

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—(AP)—State Secretary Cordell Hull assured Senator-elect Ralph Brewster, Maine Republican, today there was no basis for reports the United States Government might make concessions to Newfoundland concerning immigration and customs regulations in exchange for the lease of a naval and air base.

Hull wrote Brewster that the federal government is not considering duty-free importations of fish caught in Newfoundland by the General Seafoods Corporation.

The assurance, Brewster said, was "most reassuring to New England fishing interests."

Mechanized Troops Sweep Through Toronto

TORONTO, Oct. 3.—(CP)—Motorized troops of the Canadian Active Service Force swept through this provincial capital late today and continued northward to their military camp at Camp Borden, some 80 miles away.

This ended military exercises that lasted three days and carried the troops into central and western Ontario. Designed to give men and officers experience in organization and fast movement under simulated conditions of war, the exercises indicated some weaknesses which officers said would and could be remedied quickly.

British Control In Mediterranean Is Demonstrated

Royal Navy Bombed By Fascist Warplanes Without Damage, But Mussolini's Fleet Avoids Battle.

ALEXANDRIA, Oct. 4.—(CP)—Britain's warships, after another sweep of the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas, bagged four enemy bombers but failed to lure the Italian fleet into the open for a fight.

Britain demonstrated a new control of these seas, making a 1,800-mile zig-zagging cruise, once locating the enemy off the coast of Italy, but the distance was too great to make contact.

Planes from the fleet obtained the first glimpse of Mussolini's much-advertised but untested sea power in many weeks. The enemy warships, when they were sighted were headed for home bases, although the British fleet frequently cruised closed to the Italian coasts.

The fleet was twice bombed during its swing through the Mediterranean and Aegean from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, but anti-aircraft gunners and fighter planes made the attacks costly.

Enemy planes bombed the fleet Sept. 29. With the first burst of anti-aircraft fire the gunners a direct hit on one of the raiders, the craft crumbling in mid-air and plunging seaward in a cloud of smoke.

The raiders soared higher, returning a few minutes later and dropped more bombs. Fighter planes of the fleet air arm shot upward from the aircraft carrier and loosed a withering barrage of machine-gun fire, sending three more enemy planes crashing into the sea.

The remaining raiders headed for home bases. An officer aboard one of the warships describing the attacks said: "After a direct hit on an enemy plane we saw two men bail out landing in the sea not far from one of our destroyers, which was dispatched to pick up the Italians."

"One of them was dead when he was pulled aboard having become entangled in his parachute and drowning, the other died shortly after he was taken from the sea. Both were buried at sea. The fleet was not bombed any more during the entire sweep."

After the Italian warships showed no willingness to come out to fight the British warships gave their big guns a thorough workout in battle practice, warding off "successfully" a mock air attack by the fleet's own air arm.

The ships twice swept along the Egyptian coast where Marshal Graziani is trying strongly to fortify his positions, but there was no shelling of enemy bases.

Nazi Warplanes Strike Heavily At Midlands

LONDON, Oct. 3.—(CP)—German warplanes moved unseen in the high haze above London all day today, apparently losing their bombs by chance rather than calculation, and struck repeatedly at the industrial midlands in perhaps the heaviest series of daylight raids since the war began.

Tonight the sirens again lifted their chorus of warning, signalling the 27th consecutive nightly raid on the city.

Spent sirapnel beat a dangerous tattoo upon the streets. Even the ordinarily imperturbable taxicab drivers refused to take out their cars for an extended trip. Nine London districts were bombed during the day, as were outlying towns to the west and north and the midlands generally, but reports up to dusk indicated that the damage had been slight and confined mainly to civilian property.

Veterans And War Widows Aid In War Cause

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—(CP)—Disabled veterans and widows of men slain in the first Great War are contributing their dollars to the national cause in the present conflict.

At the Department of Pensions and National Health, Ottawa, tonight that 8,353 pensioners had authorized a deduction from their monthly cheques for investment in war savings certificates and that in addition deductions totalling \$1,500 a month were being made as free donations to the war donations fund.

Brig-Gen. Harold McDonald, Chairman of the Canadian Pensions Commission, said this was an unexpectedly generous response to a suggestion made to the pensioners by the Department a few months ago.

Up to Sept. 30 the investment of pension money in war savings certificates through the Department totalled \$61,158 and at the present rate the annual investment will run to \$733,784.

The free monthly donations totalling \$1,500 were unselected.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press) Oct. 4, 1915—Allied troops landed at Salonika on the invitation of the Greek government as Balkan crisis deepened. Heavy fighting reported from the Western Front, but severe weather in the Alps slowed up fighting between Italians and Austrians in Trentino.

JUST BECAUSE A MAN HAS BIG FEET IS NO SIGN HE HAS A BIG UNDERSTANDING

TORONTO, Oct. 3.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Dawson 37-47, Victoria 51-58, Edmonton 45-51, Regina 51-57, Winnipeg 40-44, Toronto 51-55, Ottawa 42-55, Montreal 48-55, Saint John 50-55, Halifax 46-53, Charlottetown 40-51.

FORECAST Maritime East: Fresh wind partly cloudy and cool. Synops: The weather has been fair and warm in Ontario and warm in the Lower Lake region, but comparatively cool farther north. It has been comparatively cool in the Prairie Provinces with light snows in many districts.

High tide this afternoon at 12:50 and tonight at 12:40. Sun sets today at 5:31 p.m. and rises tomorrow morning at 6:03. First quarter moon Oct. 8, 2:10 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column: 5 cents per word.

Fortune Dance! Friday, October 4th. Modern and Square Dancing. Admission 25 cents. L-10-10-3-21.

Reserve Saturday, October 5th. Chicken Supper, Murray River Public Hall, 5-9 o'clock P. M. L-580-10-2-4.

Come to Annual Chicken Supper at St. Columba Hall, Wednesday, October 9th. L-73-10-4-31.

Westmoreland Church, Chicken Supper, Mrs. Robert Mathews, October 4th, 6th, 9 P. M. If stormy Saturday, 35c and 20c. L-3-10-3-21.

Select your new fall hats from a special line. Just arrived felt and velvets. Your choice \$1.69. Greenleaf Co., Ladies Store. L-62-10-4-11.

Meeting of Potato Growers in Crapaud hall, Monday evening, Oct. 7th, 8 p.m. Matters re control of potato disease will be discussed by visiting speakers. L-75-10-4-21.