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GIANT BATTLE PROBABLY FOR CITY OF KHARKOV

Lobster Size Increased To Seven Inches

Urges Fullest Assistance To P.E.I. Farmers

Wartime Transportation and Farm Production problems reviewed by Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan.

Assurance that any measures introduced in aid of agriculture would receive his fullest support was given by the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, Leader of the Opposition, in speaking on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Dr. MacMillan reviewed wartime problems in this Province with regard chiefly to transportation, farm production, and public health.

He was warmly applauded from both sides of the House.

He spoke after the mover and seconder of the Address, Messrs. Meisaac and Linkletter, and was followed, at 5.40 p. m., by Premier Campbell, who moved the adjournment shortly before six. The House then adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Deceased Statesmen

Dr. MacMillan referred in his opening remarks to the removal of two great French-Canadian statesmen, Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Senator Dandurand, from the field of federal politics, to whose leadership he paid tribute. He also referred to the death of Senator Rhodes, former Premier of Nova Scotia and Finance Minister in the Bennett Government. It was, he recalled, under Mr. Rhodes' administration as Finance Minister at Ottawa, between the years 1931-35, that this Province received many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Condolences were tendered Mr. William Hughes, M.L.A., on the recent death of his mother.

Dr. MacMillan then spoke of the passing of two former political associates, Hon. Adrien F. Arsenault and Hon. G. Shelton Sharp.

"Looking over the rank and file of

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HON. DR. MacMILLAN

Special Bus Trips banned

OTTAWA, March 17 —(CP)— All sight-seeing bus trips —and charter trips which are not "clearly identified with the war effort"—are prohibited under an official order issued by transit controller W. J. Lynch, the munitions and supply department announced tonight.

"We are facing a very serious shortage of public transportation facilities," Mr. Lynch was quoted as saying. "In many cities the saturation point has already been reached.

"The solution of our transit problems must be curtailment of non-essential travel and staggering of hours. We simply must make full use of all the transportation facilities at our disposal.

"Already many of the bus companies throughout Canada have realized this, and have voluntarily decided to co-operate so that duplication of transit facilities may be reduced to a minimum."

BALK NAZI PROPAGANDA

STOCKHOLM—(CP) — Minister of Justice Karl G. Westman has ordered confiscation of a late issue of the German propaganda magazine "Signal."

Prime Minister Heads group at Senator's funeral

OTTAWA, March 17 — (CP)— Prime Minister Mackenzie King headed a group of cabinet members, Senators and members of Parliament who today attended the funeral of Senator Edgar N. Rhodes who died Sunday.

The Prime Minister acted as an honorary pallbearer with Senator Felix Quinn, Defence Minister Ralston, Navy Minister Macdonald, Finance Minister Ilsley, Conservative House leader Hanson; Hon. James A. Glen, Speaker of the House of Commons; Capt George Black, member of Parliament for the Yukon; Russell Blackburn and R. L. Blackburn.

The service at Christ Church Cathedral was conducted by Rev. Howard H. Clark and was attended by a large and representative congregation. The Earl of Athlone, Governor General of Canada, was represented by Col. H. Willis O'Connor.

Burial took place in Beechwood Cemetery.

Coming Events

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**Talkies Montague Saturday. L-1013-3-17-31.

**Mt. Stewart Friday, entertainment Legion Hall. L-1013-3-17-31.

**Crapaud L.O.B.A concert and box social Thursday, March 19th. L-994-3-16-18-21.

**Cake Sale Saturday, March 21st, Rogers Hardware. Precious Blood Monastery. L-1026-4-18-41.

**Loading hogs Thursday, March 19, Summerside till 1 p.m.; Kensington till 3 p.m.; Bulman and Bagnall, Hunter River Friday till noon. McEwen and Campbell. L-1041.

**Receiving live hogs for winter months as usual. Albany Station Thursday afternoons, Emerald Friday A M until 11 o'clock. Signed A C. Green, Albany. G. C. Green Emerald. L-557-1-15-16 then t w t tf

Change aimed At improving Big Industry

Ottawa Announcement Says Shortage Of Fishermen In Some Areas, Especially P. E. I.

OTTAWA, March 17—(CP)—Establishment of a seven-inch overall minimum size limit for lobsters in all canning areas in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec was announced tonight.

The new sizes are brought into effect this week under the fisheries act.

The new minimum replaces the former 6 1-2-inch size limit in those areas and, Mr. Michaud said, it was decided upon in the interests of lobster fishery conservation.

In lobster fishing districts where there is no canning and the catches are marketed in the shell the minimum size limits remain unchanged except in district 6A, a small Cape Breton area running from Indian Rock to Framboise Gut, Richmond County, where it is increased from 3 1-16 inches, carapace measure, to 3 1-8. This change in 6A will bring the district into size limit uniformity with all the other fresh lobster districts, except Grand Manan Island, N.B., where there is a higher limit of 3 1-4 inches, and also into uniformity with the States of Maine and Massachusetts.

It is understood that action to establish the same carapace limit is likewise being taken in Newfoundland.

The principal other change made operative by the new regulations is the establishment of one uniform season, from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15 and May 1 to June 24, for the three lobster fishing districts of Charlotte and St. John Counties, N.B., where, heretofore, there have been different seasons.

The regulations also abolish the maximum size limits hitherto enforced in Charlotte County as experience has shown, Mr. Michaud said, that there is no biological advantage in applying maximum limits to lobsters.

In speaking of the change in the size limit in the canning districts, the Minister said that while there were always some differences of opinion in cases of this kind the increase to seven inches had the support of many of the people in the lobster industry. A resolution calling for the change had been adopted last autumn by the United

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Charge Girls Write To Nazi Prisoners

SUDBURY, Ont., March 17—(CP)—Five Espanola girls, aged 15 and 16, will appear in court at Espanola, 35 miles west of Sudbury, Thursday on charges under the Defence of Canada Regulations said to have been laid after the girls were discovered to have been mailing letters for German prisoners of war in a northern Ontario internment camp, it was learned today.

At Toronto, Attorney General Conant said investigation of the case has been made but declined further information about it at the present.)

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press Staff Writer)

Arrival of General "Doug" MacArthur, the Lion of Luzon, in Australia as supreme commander of an allied force including substantial American contingents opens a new chapter in the battle of the Pacific.

It does more than foreshadow a knock-down-drag-out defence of Australia; more even than lend the tremendous stimulus of MacArthur's name and fame to the allied troops he commands. Their morale has never been questioned.

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The move, clearly foreshadowed from the hour the impending fall of Java fractured the Untied Nation defence front, is the first definite step toward countering Japanese aggression with offensive action by land, sea and air.

It means a beginning has been made in Australia on mustering the means ultimately to crush Japan. That, too, under the personal leadership of a battle-tested soldier whose name already has ill-omened meaning for the war lords of Japan.

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There is another reason to urge MacArthur's selection for his new command and his unquestioning acceptance of its great responsibilities. He has fought a defensive fight in this war, and has become the living symbol of high-hearted and undaunted defiance of fantastic odds. At heart, however, he is an apostle of the offensive, not the defensive. He does not believe in leaving the initiative to the foe, tactically or strategically. He has no liking for trench warfare and is at his best as a military leader in a war of movement.

Believe Japs Use Deadly Type Bomb

Amied at exterminating defenders; MacArthur takes command in Australia; Many American Troops there.

Norway's Ports Closed; Many Rumors heard

LONDON, March 17—(AP)—All Norway's ports from North Cape to Alesund had been closed by the Germans today, presumably to screen from the suppressed but restive Norwegians a stealthy marshalling of Nazi military and naval forces which indicated that those far northern waters are about to become a newly active war theatre.

Speaking just after a disclosure that the German battleship Tirpitz "appears to have avoided" a recent British torpedo-plane attack off Narvik and thus is presumably loose upon the high seas, a responsible London informant speculated that the Germans were preparing attempts to isolate Russia's Arctic ports, cut her supply lines from the allies or even move against British and American troops garrisoned in Iceland.

Another informant in constant communication with the Norwegians suggested a second possible interpretation—that the Nazis are worried about the possibilities of allied response to Russian calls for the opening of a second front.

And in this connection he declared Norway is literally seething against the German conquerors.

Among the day's accumulating incidents pointed to major action in the north, the sharpest and most alarming in British eyes was news that the Tirpitz, a listed 35,000-tonner, had not been run to cover.

Aside from that super-warship, which apparently was undertaking an experimental thrust at the Russian supply line when she was discovered and attacked on March 9, the Germans also have in northern waters the 10,000-ton pocket battleships Admiral Scheer and Lutzow and the aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin.

MELBOURNE, March 17 —(CP) —The possibility of extensive enemy raids directed mainly at annihilation of North Australia's defending troops developed tonight from examination of fragmentation bombs which sprayed parts of the Darwin area with fiery steel splinters today.

Investigators said the bombs dropped from 14 Japanese planes were so-called "grass cutters," which, exploding on contact, spray searing metal fragments over a wide area close to the ground. Two persons were killed and a dozen wounded in yesterday's experiment.

These bombs are designed to cause maximum casualties among troops in contrast to heavy explosions intended to demolish installations.

Near the Darwin airfield, where only slight damage to buildings was reported, white hot iron blades have been found, apparently sprayed over a wide circular area by the exploding bombs.

(In Washington it was announced Tuesday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, hero of the Bataan defence has arrived in Australia to assume command of United Nations forces in the southwest Pacific. It was also announced that large forces of American troops now are in Australia.)

The government was awaiting anxiously fresh reports of possible Japanese plans in view of the latest attack on Darwin.

R. A. A. F. squadrons meanwhile were being strengthened by the return home of Australian fliers who had been serving in the Far East.

In Canberra, Mr. Curtin said daylight saving time will be abandoned after March 31 because industrial surveys showed that the long period of daylight after working hours increased fatigue and slowed down production.

Vichy interns British residents

LONDON, March 18—(CP) —The Vichy government ordered 2,000 British coastal residents of French Morocco interned today in a German-dictated move apparently designed as reprisal for the Royal Air Force raids on Paris factories, and a well informed diplomatic source predicted the Nazis would insist also upon the arrest of United States subjects.

The internment order had been expected for some time, and it was noted that those affected were of military age between 18 and 50.

Morocco also is close to Gibraltar and would be an invaluable base for German submarines raiding Atlantic shipping, should the French yield further.

Tells probable Cost of war for Next fiscal year

Finance Minister Ilsley Gives Birdseye Picture Of Requirements.

OTTAWA, March 17—(CP)—Finance Minister Ilsley told the House of Commons tonight that present estimates set the government's war expenditures in 1942-43 at $2,213,000,000, exclusive of the proposed $1,000,000000 gift to Britain.

Almost half the sum, or $997,000,000, would be required by the army. The navy would need $259,000,000, the air force $585,000,000 and there would be sundry expenses by the Defence Departments of $21,000,000.

Munitions and Supply would want $335,000,000 less duplications and recoverable items estimated at about $150,000,000. Making allowance for the $150,000,000, total expenses of these four departments were estimated at $2,067,000,000, and there would be war expenditures by other departments expected to reach $146,000,000.

Mr. Ilsley spoke on a resolution providing for introduction of a bill in the House providing for a war appropriation of $2,000,000,000.

In addition to this figure there would be the $1,000,000,000 needed to provide for the proposed gift of vast qantities of munitions, materials and foodstuffs to the United Kingdom. This would be provided under a separate bill.

The new fiscal year begins April 1.

Mr. Ilsley said he hoped the $1,000,000,000 gift bill would be passed promptly and be operative in the present fiscal year.

He said he would later explain how the $1,000,000,000 would be divided between the present fiscal year and the next.

Hanson urges Questioning of Wheat Officials

OTTAWA, March 17 —(CP) — Conservative House Leader Hanson, expressing belief large amounts were being paid to individuals who did nothing or next to nothing to earn the money, urged today in the House of Commons that Canadian wheat board officials be called before the House agriculture committee.

Mr. Hanson said he was not prepared to let a government bill increasing the initial wheat price go through until an opportunity of examining board officials had been given. The bill has the effect of increasing the initial payment from 70 cents to 80 cents a bushel, basis No. 1 northern at Fort William.

The Conservative House Leader said his party would support a C. C. F. amendment urging the initial price be $1 a bushel and that "parity prices" be paid for agricultural products.

OTTAWA, March 17—(CP)— By a vote of 125 to 44 the House of Commons tonight rejected a C.C.F. amendment to second reading of the Wheat Price Bill.

Britons to have Fewer clothes And less fuel

LONDON, March 17—(CP)— Britons were told by the government today they would have to get along with fewer clothes and less fuel.

The double-barrelled tightening up was announced by Hugh Dalton, president of the Board of Trade, who said that beginning June 1 the clothes ration would be reduced about one-fourth and that the rationing of coal, gas and electricity would be introduced immediately.

The clothing allowance will be cut from 66 coupons a year to a rate slightly over 51. The plan of issuing extra coupons for children and workers with special needs will continue.

With 66 coupons Britons have ben able to buy a suit, rain coat, pair of pajamas, pair of shoes, pair of socks, a shirt and two handkerchiefs.

Mr Dalton told the House of Commons that fuel rationing would be instituted because of "a very serious problem confronting the nation."

"Our coal production has been grossly insufficient and our consumption excessive. We have just scraped through so far."

Land, Sea, Air Battles Flaming On Soviet Front

Gates of two major German strongpoints reported reached; Four enemy ships are destroyed.

(By Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, March 17—(AP)—In a flaming eruption of land, sea and air fighting, the Russians reported tonight their forces have beaten forward to the gates of two major German strongpoints on the north and south land front and destroyed four German ships, including two transports, in Arctic waters.

A giant battle raged on the southwestern front before a vital city—possibly the great industrial centre of Kharkov—and in one sector of that area the Germans were declared retreating after losing a defensive position and more than 1,000 dead.

(A roundabout report heard in London and attributed to the Moscow radio said fighting was progressing through Kharkov's suburbs.)

The night communique added that 500 Nazis were killed by Soviet forces which occupied a number of places in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles northwest of Moscow. An earlier report told of the capture of a height commanding Staraya Russa, south of Leningrad, where remnants of the trapped German 16th army are being whittled to pieces.

On another undisclosed sector of the front, the communique said, hundreds of German dead were left on the battlefield after an unsuccessful tank-supported counter-attack against Soviet positions. It gave the scene of this fighting only as in the vicinity of the populated point "D".

The Germans were declared to have lost heavily in other attempted counter-thrusts, while in a spurt of aerial warfare the communique listed 47 German planes downed yesterday against 15 Soviet losses.

Units of the Red fleet in the Barents Sea were credited with destruction of two transports, a trawler and a patrol boat, the four ships totalling 16,000 tons.

Front-line dispatches said Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's forces in the southwest had enlarged a breach in the German line, but acknowledged fierce resistance and said the advantage was first with one side, then with the other.

An important junction on the approaches to the unidentified city was taken only after three hours of desperate battle by a Red guard unit employing tanks and big guns against German tanks and reserve troopers, the Russian reports said.

A Stockholm dispatch said the Germans in the Donets Basin are laying down "the heaviest artillery barrage ever known."

London sources predicted that the next two or three weeks would determine whether the Nazis could retain their forward bases in that entire zone.)

Chinese score Success on Burma front

NEW DELHI, India, March 17—(CP)—The Chinese battalions defending east central Burma have killed one third of a force of 300 Japanese-directed Thai troops and routed the rest in sharp collision near the border of the Shan States, official dispatches said tonight.

The clash—or series of clashes—took place southeast of Mong Tung, some 70 miles from Chienghai, Thailand, which has been under sporadic United Nations air attack as a concentration point for the Japanese and their puppets.

It appeared the enemy was using the Thai troops in this area, some 50 miles southeast of Mandalay, in an effort to divert the Chinese forces who have been holding the eastern end of the Allied central Burma line, while Japanese units moving northward from Rangoon toward Burma's oil fields bring pressure on the British forces now established in the jungles of Tharrawaddy and below Toungoo.

The situation was admitted to be difficult, but there were strong indications that the Imperial general staff believes Gen. Harold Alexander can hold on in central Burma against even a violent Japanese attack until the Monsoon halts operations or reinforcements begin to come overland from India.

By mid-May the monsoon will bring rains which will mire down military operations for five months. Right now, work is being pushed on a road from India to replace the old mule tracks to Burma.

DOING IT NOW

LONDON— (CP) — The daily Sketch recalls that Germany's Hindenburg once said Russia was so vast she would swallow the largest army.

Wrecked cars Must be sold Within 90 days

OTTAWA, March 17—(CP)— Automobile wrecking companies in Canada have received notification from steel controller Kilbourn that wrecked automobiles on hand must be sold off within 90 days, it was made known today.

During this time wreckers must take from wrecks on hand any parts they wish to keep for use or sale. At the expiry of 90 days munitions and supply department will take over remaining stock, leaving dealers such parts of the wrecked machines as may be deemed reasonable.

Officials explained that object of the new order is to acquire large quantities of scrap steel for the manufacture of munitions and other war equipment.

To Put Civilian Aliens To Work

OTTAWA March 17 — (C P) — Plans now are in process of being carried out whereby civilian enemy aliens who are refugees in Canada, having been brought here from Britain, will take an active part in Canadian war production, engaged on the refurbishing of used machine tools, it was learned today. At present, it was said, 39 interned refugees have been released for work in this connection.

"When present plans are completed 108 men who are alien refugees will be working on machine tools in the Montreal area," one well informed source said.

FRENCH SHIP TORPEDOED

LONDON, March 17 — (CP)— Reuters News Agency reported tonight a Vichy Government announcement that the French cargo steamship Sainte Marcelle was torpedoed in the Mediterranean March 14 by a submarine of unknown nationality. Two crewmen were lost.

High tide at noon and tonight at 12.01.

Sun sets this evening at 6.09 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.06.

First quarter moon, March 24, 7.01 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

Leave Borden 9.25 A.M. 1.00 P.M.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11.00 A.M 3.20 P.M.

Series Of Sea Battles Reported In North Sea

British lose Destroyer while at least five Nazi E-Boats are destroyed.

Uruguay ship Is torpedoed

MONTEVIDEO, Mach 17—(AP) —Uruguay was added today to the list of American Republics falling victims to the Axis U-boat campaign in the western Atlantic with the torpedo sinking of the merchantship Montevideo and the Government retaliated by seizing the interned German ship Tacoma. Following the announcement of the loss of the 5,705-ton Montevideo with 17 of her crewmen, the government ordered suspension of further sailings of Uruguayan ships until arrangements could be made for their protection. It was understood these vessels would be armed.

WARTIME GAY PAREE

LONDON— (CP) — Music hall comedians in Paris try to brighten the spirit of Frenchmen with jokes about the food situation, the Nazis and sometimes Marshal Petain.

LONDON, March 17—(CP)—Loss of the 1,090-ton British destroyer Vortigern and destruction of at least five German motor torpedo-boats in a week-end series of battles in the North Sea was announced tonight by the Admiralty.

Two other German boats were listed as damaged, and the Admiralty credited the Royal Air Force with heavy damage to three more.

As detailed by the Admiralty, there were at least six separate fights, starting the morning of March 14, when two German "E-boats" were destroyed.

That night the speedy German boats attacked a British convoy, the convoy escaped, but the 1918-model destroyer Vortigern was torpedoed and sunk while the destroyers Holderness and Wallace sank one E-boat and damaged another.

Seeking to join this fight, the British escort sloop Guillemot sank one E-boat and vainly chased a second.

Later R. A. F. planes came upon four E-boats, one of which already had been damaged. They left one afire and three badly damaged, and later reconnaissance showed only wreckage and bodies in the sea.

War—25 Years Ago Today

MARCH 18, 1917 — Germans made fierce attacks in Verdun area. British troops in Mesopotamia pursued Turks up the Diala River and captured Bahriz. Ramsgate on Kent coast, shelled by German destroyer; British destroyer and merchant ship sunk.

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