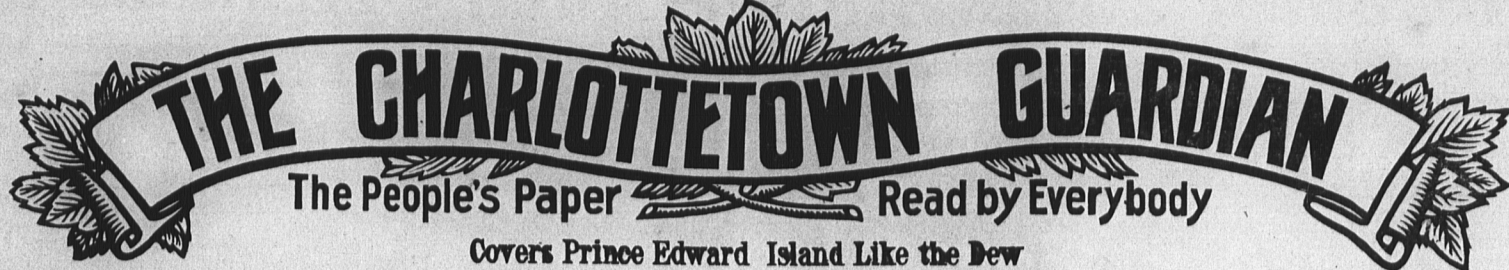


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WAVELL IS RELIEVED OF COMMAND IN INDIES

King's County Drive Takes Big Spurt Task There Is Turned Over To Dutch Generals

Is Being Met By Relays Of Allied Bombers

Results of fighting obscure; Counter-measures underway on Island; Enemy has many men ashore.

LONDON, March 3—(Tuesday)—(CP)—Dispatches from Batavia said today that a huge new Japanese invasion armada is bearing down upon Java and is being met by continuous relays of allied bombers.

The reports said that the original Japanese invasion fleet consisted of 140 ships of which 50 were able to land troops Saturday.

Thus the others which now are returning are believed to consist of from 70 to 80 ships, despite the casualties already inflicted on the enemy vessels.

BANDUNG, Java, March 2—(AP)—Indies, British and American troops, in a great comradeship of arms, struck together against the Japanese invader tonight in strong, widespread counter-attacks which a guarded official summary declared had "developed satisfactorily," critical though the situation remained.

There was no evidence shortly before midnight of any new Japanese landing, or of the approach of new invasion troops; in the enemy, though holding vital areas of this island, had not in 48 hours been able to add another to his three initial beachheads.

In Batavia, the island capital, vital installations were destroyed, but only against distant possibilities.

Sums up Situation

A bulletin at 10:30 p.m. (1 p.m. EDT) thus summed up the situation at the hour of supreme crisis:

"From well-informed circles it is heard that action against the Japanese invasion troops has developed satisfactorily. Although in connection with the character of the operations no details can be published it can be said that the enemy received fair hits.

"Up to now, there is no information received about fifth column activities, while everywhere our troops are going to meet the Japanese and are enthusiastically welcomed.

"Although there is no question of a direct threat to Batavia, vital objects are (being) made useless to include all risks.

"The situation in some parts of Java is obviously critical, but the invaders are receiving blows ham-

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Coming Events

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- Mt. Stewart, Friday—Special Entertainment. L-668-3-3-31.
- Talkies—Montague, Saturday. L-668-3-3-31.
- Talkies—Souris Thursday, "Good and Sand" with Tyrone Power. L-668-3-3-31.
- Arthur Haslam loading Hogs Bredaibaane Friday, March 6, 1942. L-660-3-3-11.
- Dance in Graham's Road Hall, Wednesday night. If not fine Thursday night. L-682.
- Buying little pigs every day 25¢. \$8.00 per pair. 23 lbs. \$7.00. G. C. Green. L-548-1-20-Tue-Fri-12.
- Receiving live hogs for winter months as usual. Albany Station Thursday afternoon, Emerald Friday A. M. until 11 o'clock. Signed J. C. Green, Albany, G. O. Green, Charlottetown.
- Patriotic concert and basket social at Fortune Bridge Hall, Friday night, March 6. If stormy, March 8. L-677.
- Legion dance at the Armoury, March 19th. L-680.
- Afternoon tea at Legion Home March 17. L-680.

Island total of \$1,344,350 is encouraging

Expect Province Will Go Over The Top.

With \$1,344,350 already subscribed, Prince Edward Island is driving closer to its objective in Canada's Second Victory Loan campaign, figures released from Provincial Headquarters last night revealed. The quota for the province is \$1,500,000.

Charlottetown and Summerside both went "over the top" Saturday and succeeded in oversubscribing their share by substantial amounts. King's County took a big jump yesterday when canvassers turned in \$12,800 during the day. That county now has a total of \$101,200 subscribed and appears to be headed for its objective of \$175,000. The same is true of Prince and Queen's Counties. In both, salesmen obtained substantial increases yesterday. Prince now has a total of \$119,800 and Queen's \$163,950.

To date Charlottetown citizens have subscribed \$670,850 to the Loan and Summerside \$288,750.

MANITOBA OVER TOP

OTTAWA, March 2—(CP)—National headquarters for Canada's Second Victory Loan campaign announced officially tonight that Manitoba has become the fifth province to exceed its nominal objective in the three-week drive which ends next Saturday.

This morning it was disclosed that Alberta had considerably exceeded its provincial quota, and previously Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick went over the top.

Next cumulative total of loan subscriptions will be announced tomorrow. At the week-end bond sales amounted to \$538,789,600, less than \$62,000,000 from the nominal objective of \$600,000,000—but a rousing oversubscription is sought.

Finance Minister Isley's appeal last night for "substantial oversubscription" has made a deep impression across the country, national loan headquarters said tonight. It has provided a "still greater incentive to loan workers from coast to coast."

U. S. Soldiers May Get Pay Increase

WASHINGTON, March 2—(CP)—Privates and officers of the United States Army may have their pay raised if Congress accepts any one of several bills introduced lately and now being studied by committees.

The basic rate of pay for an American private is \$21 a month which is raised to \$30 after the recruit has served four months in the army. There are various proposals before Congress, one of which would double the \$21 rate and increase officers' pay by 10 per cent.

Eclipse of Moon Last evening

A rare phenomenon, a total eclipse of the moon which was one of the longest on record, was watched with interest by thousands of Prince Edward Islanders in common with people in other parts of Canada and the United States last night. The total phase of the lunar eclipse, which began about 8:30, lasted one hour and thirty-seven minutes.

When the moon rose last evening it was partially eclipsed but citizens did not notice it at first. As it became more marked, however, people became aware that something unusual was happening. A few thought it might be a cloud but when they saw that all the stars around were shining brightly they decided their diagnosis was in error. Gradually the shadow of the earth crept across the face of the moon until it was completely covered. Only the outer edge was illuminated.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the moon was returned to its full radiance. The eclipse, which was close to the maximum of a lunar eclipse, occurred last night when the moon was in the constellation of Leo. Although not visible to the naked eye, a small comet known as "Whipple's Comet" was a little to the west of the moon. This latter phenomenon could be seen with the aid of a telescope.

Another unusual part of the eclipse and one which would not be noticed was a star occultation. This star was obscured by the moon when the eclipse occurred.

War Situation Last Night

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

A close Allied censorship covering both sea and land phases of the battle of Java prevents accurate appraisal of its progress.

It cannot be doubted, however, that with Japanese landings achieved at three far separated points there is an ominous possibility of early loss of this last Indies link in the United Nations' defensive front in the Far Pacific.

If Java is to go the way of Singapore quickly it would leave only MacArthur's American-Filipino troops on Bataan or in isolated mountain refuges on Luzon and Mindanao still clinging to tiny Allied footholds in the vast island-dotted area the Japanese have overrun in less than three months. A wide rupture in United Nations contacts would result, forcing drastic revision of Allied strategy and command co-ordination.

The Java link alone bars a breach thousands of miles wide in the front from Rangoon to the north-western tip of Australia. Its collapse would probably necessitate recasting the new unified command for an American-Australian stand on one side and a British-Chinese rallying to guard the road to India on the other.

On the island of Java the Japanese are meeting probably the heaviest forces they have yet encountered; that, too, at the far end of the longest communication lines of their desperately bold bid for mastery.

It is estimated that not more than 85,000 Nipponese troops at most reached shore in the first triple-pronged invasion. The Netherlands are credited with more than 100,000 seasoned native and colonial forces concentrated on Java, reinforced by both American and British or Australian contingents of undisclosed size. Some statements indicate that 250,000 fighting men are available on the island to meet the Japanese thrust.

It is possible that the main Japanese invasion force may yet be mustering in Sumatra, transferred from the Malay Peninsula. There has been much to indicate that the Indies high command expected that, rather than an attempted invasion directly from the north across the Java Sea.

Prompt firing of oil refinery installations in Western Java under the Indies scorched earth policy is reported. It suggests that the defence plan being followed calls for withdrawal eastward if necessary to make a last ditch stand in defence of the Surabaya naval and air base and contacts with Australia.

Australians Decide On Sweeping Changes

Unify defence forces and provide for conscripted labor Corps.

MELBOURNE, March 2—(CP)—The Australian cabinet, faced with the increasing threat of invasion as the battle of Java rages, today decided upon unification of all Australian defence forces and formation of a conscripted labor corps.

Control over the three branches of the armed services was tightened. Five major holidays, for the first time in the Commonwealth's history, were abolished.

The war cabinet decided to extend the labor corps system to provide compulsory service for civilians at army pay—considerably below trade union wages—with army conditions and army-like discipline, mostly for construction and maintenance.

The new ruling also combines the Australian imperial force and the famed volunteer force with the militia itself in a draft-like compulsory service.

The new single organization is expected to be more flexible and efficient than those set up under the previous system of separate services.

The war cabinet action was announced following a two-day meeting of the Commonwealth war council at which Prime Minister John Curtin announced far-reaching decisions had been made on offensive and defensive strategy.

Nfld. Gov't Officials To visit Canada

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 2—(CP Cable)—Five Newfoundland government officials and C. J. Burchell, Canadian High Commissioner to this colony, are leaving for Montreal to discuss with Canadian authorities transportation and economic matters of mutual interest to the two countries.

The group is proceeding to Canada at the request of the Canadian government, it was announced. It included Sir Wilfred Woods and Hon. L. E. Emerson, commissioners in the Newfoundland government; E. C. Price, Secretary of the Customs Department; C. Fraser, Secretary of the Natural Resources Department; and W. E. Curtis, head of the Government Purchasing Department.

WARNS JAPANESE

VANCOUVER, March 2—(CP)—A warning that Japanese who in future fail to observe the new dusk-to-dawn curfew will be "severely dealt with" was issued today by police magistrate Mackenzie Matheson as he imposed suspended sentences on 12 Japanese arrested when they appeared on the streets after dark.

Board of Trade-Council meets

The car ferry situation, dehydration, fertilizer subventions and the proposed visit of the army train, were among the matters discussed at a Council meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last night. President V. A. Ainsworth presided at the meeting which was held in The Charlottetown.

Mr. J. Lester Douglas, M.P., and Mr. J. W. Boulter were present and took part in the discussions. The latter outlined some of the matters which had been discussed at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Horticultural Society which he attended in Ottawa. He told what had been done about dehydration. (The details of this were obtained in an interview with Mr. Boulter earlier in the day and appear elsewhere.)

In connection with dehydration, Mr. Boulter explained briefly that the Government was using \$25,000 of the \$400,000 voted, for experimental purposes. If it was found that the process could be carried out successfully in the plants now being used, the British Government was prepared to sign an order for delivery of potatoes, vegetables and eggs prepared in this manner.

Mr. Boulter expressed the belief that in this event Prince Edward Island would most likely be given consideration in the establishment of any new plants for this purpose.

Mr. Douglas explained that the British Government had sent a man to Canada to inquire into the possibilities of dehydration and experiments were being conducted. When processing is finished trial shipments will be made to Newfoundland. The British Government, when satisfied that the process was successful, is prepared to sign for orders, he added.

The next matter brought up by Mr. Boulter was that of subventions on fertilizer. This was a government policy and the provinces were not consulted beforehand, he claimed. When the policy was adopted there was no chance of having given potatoes included in the crops benefiting from the subvention.

Mr. R. E. Mutch referred to a report on the subject of the

change of commanders was announced at 10 Downing Street early today, simultaneous with the announcement in Washington, and was considered to have been indicated partly by political considerations, for good sources said, Britain will give India Dominion status within three days; and India must be guaranteed a military leadership of a top-flight soldier.

Some informed persons expressed belief Sir Archibald's transfer from Java back to his old India command was an indication that the Imperial general staff has given Java up as a bad job.

Report Soviets Mass for huge Spring drive

BERNE, Switzerland, March 2—(AP)—The Russians are massing "almost unheard of forces" all along the front for what is believed to be a large-scale attack, reports originating in an official Berlin quarters said tonight.

German planes were said to have observed great columns of fresh Soviet troops and enormous supply trains moving up behind the Red army's advance lines.

At some points, Russian attacks already were under way and these were described by German military spokesmen as "on a scale not reached hitherto in the war."

The Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper Die Tat quoted reports from advance sectors saying Russian troops were attacking German positions in 40 or 50 successive waves, and that these soldiers showed no hesitation, regardless of the cost.

He said the Soviet Siberian units admittedly were demonstrating "almost unbelievable stubbornness."

"There can no longer be any doubt," he wrote, "that the Soviets are massing all their forces in men and material for a fantastic effort to bring about a decision."

In Lisbon, Portugal, a foreign military expert told the Associated Press that "the Germans must retreat to positions west of all the big rivers in Russia before the thaw begins, or they will run the great risk of being crushed by the Soviets for lack of communications."

This man who knows Russia forecast such a Nazi withdrawal soon because, he said, "no positions or any kind of military bridges can resist the strong currents of swollen Russian rivers during the spring thaw which lasts at least three weeks."

Iceland in Nazi plans for Spring drive

LONDON, March 2—(AP)—The Germans have marked Iceland, Dakar, Casablanca and the Canary Islands for spring conquest to choke off North American supplies flowing to the embattled British Isles, an authoritative source said today.

The heaviest blow would be aimed at Iceland, garrisoned by United States and British troops.

Nazi occupation of Dakar would be just "an announcement that we are here and what are you going to do about it," he predicted. Dakar and Casablanca are controlled by Vichy, and the Canaries are owned by Spain.

Reports of a German battle squadron and a train of transports gathering at the Norwegian ports of Narvik and Trondheim were called an indication that the Germans are preparing a thrust at Iceland which guards the North Atlantic approaches to Europe.

Wavell is sent to former post in India where Japanese threat is growing.

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—With the Japanese and allies locked in a fierce struggle for Java, last stronghold of the Netherlands Indies, the United Nations tonight relieved Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell as commander in chief of the Indies, and turned the task over to the Netherlands.

Gen. Wavell, famous one-eyed strategist who has been termed by the German high command "Britain's only good General," was sent back to his previous duties as commander in chief of India.

Thus he was put on another "hot spot" since the general expectation is that the Japanese may drive toward India if their campaign to get complete control of neighboring Burma is successful.

A joint statement by the United States army and navy, simultaneous with announcement from 10 Downing Street, pointed out that as commander in chief of India, Gen. Wavell will have responsibility for operations in Burma and for co-operation with China.

There was an immediate wave of excited speculation as to the meaning of the shift. Military observers here advanced two possible explanations:

1. The bulk of the United Nations forces in the Indies now are Netherlands and it is logical that a Netherlands man should be given the command. (The name of the new commander was not disclosed here tonight.)

2. In view of the Japanese advance into Burma, the strongest possible defence of India is considered imperative. Hence Gen. Wavell was assigned to the job.

The army and navy statement emphasized that the Netherlands would continue to receive all possible assistance from the United Nations, and that there was no change in plans for "general co-ordination of strategic policy in the war against Japan."

"After the loss of Malaya," the statement said, "and the entry of the Japanese into Sumatra, which separated Burma from the Netherlands East Indies, it was agreed that command of land, sea and air forces of the United Nations in the Netherlands East Indies should pass to the Dutch, who are continuing to receive all available assistance from the United Nations."

More Maple Trees To Be Tapped

OTTAWA, March 2—(CP)—Small maple groves which have rested untapped for years will yield their sap for sugar this year as sweet-toothed Canada, now under sugar rationing, looks for supplementary supplies, Agriculture Department officials said today.

In a few weeks sap will be running in an estimated 70,000,000 maple trees in eastern Canada. Previously no more than 25,000,000 have been tapped in any one season. A large increase in the exploitation of smaller groves on farms, neglected in the past, is expected in 1942.

No second Plebiscite is Seen necessary

OTTAWA, March 2—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King today told the House of Commons he could not imagine any circumstances in which a direct plebiscite on conscription would be necessary.

He made the statement during consideration in committee of the bill authorizing a plebiscite in which the people will be asked if they are in favor of releasing the government from "any obligation arising out of any past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service."

There was no legal obstacle to the government imposing unlimited conscription under the war measures act, Mr. King said.

But there was a "moral obligation" because of pledges made, Mr. King added, which restricted the government from initiating full conscription. That obligation, he said, would be recognized until removed by the will of the people.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

MARCH 3, 1917—Germany attempted to excuse her part in the Mexican plot against the United States on the plea of "timely precautions." Marshall A. V. Straussberg appointed chief of staff in the Austro-Hungarian army.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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TORONTO, March 2—(CP)—Synopsis:
The weather has been mild in Ontario with light snow in some districts. It is fair and comparatively high tide this morning at 11:26 and tonight at 11:25.
Sun rises this afternoon at 5:49 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:33.
Last quarter moon, March 9, 5 p.m.

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