

MAXIMS
OF A
MERE MAN

We should pray as fervently for
the Empire's soul as for her safety.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

The People's Paper Read by Everybody

MAXIMS
OF A
MERE MAN

Moral fibre and spiritual vigor are
not developed by comfort or ease.

CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1940

14 PAGES

Annual Subscription Delivered \$5.00.
By Mail—E.E. \$4.00; Canada and U. S. \$5.00

UNITED STATES - SPANISH RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

Axis Commands Confer; See New Military Action

BERLIN, Nov. 15—(AP)—The highest officers of the German and Italian military commands held a sudden conference today and everywhere the supposition arose that some new military stroke was afoot.

Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German High Command, Marshal Pietro Badoglio of Italy, and their respective staffs, met at the Austrian town of Innsbruck near the Italian frontier.

The German news agency said that they held "military discussions about the joint conduct of the war." Another commentator tied the conference to recent Axis political discussions. Hitler had met in recent weeks Gen. Franco of Spain, among others.

Report Nazi Freighter Is Cornered, Sunk

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—(AP)—Shipping circles received reports today that the 2,927-ton German freighter Helgoland, which fled from Barranquilla, Colombia, Oct. 28, had been cornered and sunk in the Caribbean by British warships.

There was no confirmation either from British or German sources.

The Hamburg-American line freighter, built in 1939, was reported carrying pilots of the Scapa, German air line in South America, and ship supplies. It was reported to have been used to transport a raider attacking South Atlantic shipping routes.

Italians Try Raid On Base At Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Nov. 15—(AP)—The Italian navy tried to raid the Mediterranean fleet and shore bases at Alexandria today, but was repulsed by British warships.

Some casualties resulted, but a heavy barrage forced the raiders to withdraw. The British fleet's gunnery dominated the entire harbor in the fifth air raid on this harbor within 12 hours.

Complaints Re Dafoe Air School

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—Air Minister Power has ordered an investigation of complaints over conditions at the bombing and gunnery school at Dafoe, Sask., it was stated today at the Air Ministry.

The minister has not been officially advised of any complaints, a spokesman said. "All he has seen has been statements in the press, but an investigation has been ordered."

Coventry Gets Concentrated Aerial Assault

The Saskatoon Star Phoenix published today a despatch from Wynyard, Sask., which said that Coventry, which said criticism of conditions at the Dafoe School of Bombers had been heard, that heating facilities were inadequate, that there was no water supply at the school, and that medical men to attend air students and no telephone communication.

Coventry Gets Concentrated Aerial Assault

By ALFRED E. WALL, Associated Press Staff Writer

COVENTRY, Eng., Nov. 15—(AP)—Coventry, chosen by the German high command for the most concentrated aerial bombardment since the Battle of Britain, emerged today from that scourge with at least 1,000 dead and wounded, not counting unknown numbers trapped in smoke.

German bombing planes, busy from dusk to dawn, smashed the centre of this industrial city, and the people bore their ordeal with great courage, commented the government in an official statement.

Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, here on a tour of the Midlands, found in Coventry an example for his urging, earlier in Birmingham, that industrial workers under bombardment "must not be discouraged."

"The city suffered very seriously and the people bore their ordeal with great courage," commented the government in an official statement.

Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, here on a tour of the Midlands, found in Coventry an example for his urging, earlier in Birmingham, that industrial workers under bombardment "must not be discouraged."

Local Soldier Fatally Injured In Accident

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 15—(CP)—Lance Corporal Raymond Clifford McEwen, 21, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., suffered fatal injuries today when struck by an automobile outside the Barrfield camp of the Canadian Active Service Force.

Police said that Morris Burns, Kingston, was the driver of the car and that McEwen died while being brought to hospital here in the car that struck him.

Three fellow-signallers walking along the road with McEwen escaped injury. They were M. Duncan, also of Charlottetown, Edward Dooley and John Shaw. The four were crossing the highway to the camp when McEwen was struck by the fender of the car and thrown into a ditch.

McEwen was unmarried and had been with the C.A.S.F. since Sept. 2, 1939.

Soviets Have British Offer; Make No Reply

LONDON, Nov. 15—(CP)—The Soviet government has had before it for nearly three months British proposals which include an offer of assurance that Britain would not be associated in any attack on Russia, authoritative sources said tonight.

The proposals were said to have included a guarantee that Russia would be a participant in any peace settlement after the present war and British de facto recognition of the Soviet Union's absorption of the three Baltic states, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Refers To Michaud For N. B. Bench

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—Reference to the rumored appointment of Fisheries Minister Michaud to the House of Commons today by the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, is the fact, and I might add that in congratulating him I am doing a patriotic duty.

Mr. Michaud's friends are doing in the province of New Brunswick.

Col. Brooks urged the Government to select New Brunswick the "very best man that can be obtained," as Mr. Michaud's successor.

Coventry Gets Concentrated Aerial Assault

By ALFRED E. WALL, Associated Press Staff Writer

COVENTRY, Eng., Nov. 15—(AP)—Coventry, chosen by the German high command for the most concentrated aerial bombardment since the Battle of Britain, emerged today from that scourge with at least 1,000 dead and wounded, not counting unknown numbers trapped in smoke.

German bombing planes, busy from dusk to dawn, smashed the centre of this industrial city, and the people bore their ordeal with great courage, commented the government in an official statement.

Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, here on a tour of the Midlands, found in Coventry an example for his urging, earlier in Birmingham, that industrial workers under bombardment "must not be discouraged."

Swiss Gov't Gets Ultimatum

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 15—(AP)—A Swiss totalitarian group delivered today what some newspapers called an "ultimatum" to the government, demanding the right to disseminate party propaganda and the "rehabilitation of persecuted" members.

The group is known as the "Swiss National Movement." It is not a single party, but a neutral foreign observers considered its demands important in view of Switzerland's position sandwiched as she is between the Axis powers.

Its program roughly parallels the Nazi party program. The members call themselves "soldiers of the Swiss movement of freedom."

Herr Pilet (Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, president of the Swiss Federation) has assured us that our demands will be most carefully considered," said a manifesto issued by the group.

"We particularly promised us permission to print daily and weekly papers in the near future."

Ralston Reviews Defense Efforts

Minister Intimates That Longer Compulsory Training Period Is Under Consideration.

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—In the future every officer in the Canadian army, active and reserve, must pass through the ranks before winning his commission, Defence Minister Ralston announced in the Commons today in a review of Canada's military activities.

This decision brings Canadian practice into line with the present practice in the British army and is one of a number of measures decided upon to ensure that when Canadian troops meet the enemy they will have the highest possible standard of leadership.

Soon to depart for England where he will consult with British war leaders the Minister said the Canadian government was working on a program worked out in conjunction with the United Kingdom and the other Dominions.

Debate Continues At Ottawa

House May Adjourn Next Week Till Early in January.

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—Excitement from the 40-minute limit on speeches in the Throne Speech debate was granted six key ministers by Speaker Glen in the House of Commons today.

But in the lively discussions that ensued nothing was said to indicate when the debate would last, it was rumored today the House might adjourn at the end of next week until early in January.

The speaker said he believed that at this time the widest latitude should be given ministers who are required to present detailed accounts of their departmental activities. The rule against reading speeches should be more closely observed, the speaker added.

Bombers Pour Explosives On British Capital

LONDON, Nov. 15—(Saturday)—(CP Cable)—In the wake of their devastating assault on Coventry, Nazi bombers today poured explosives and incendiary bombs out of a moonlit sky that started scores of fires, levelled apartment buildings and dwellings and swelled Britain's mounting air raid casualty lists.

London was the main objective of the fierce air attack early today and more than 100 bombers roared at intervals over the city despite fierce anti-aircraft.

A heavy death toll was feared in a district where a large bomb demolished a boarding house and a block of flats, and another wrecked a number of houses.

Crete May Become New Stronghold

By Edward Kennedy, Associated Press Staff Writer

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 15—(AP)—The British middle-eastern command has in the space of a fortnight—garanteed Crete with a considerable force of troops, mounted heavy guns, and has started defence works that promise to make the Greek island a Gibraltar of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Returning today from an inspection trip to Crete was Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander-in-chief of British forces in the middle east, who declared: "We are satisfied with the progress made since British troops landed after Italy began war on Greece. Gen. Wavell took this correspondent along the island's coast."

Two More Of Convoy Safe;

LONDON, Nov. 15—(CP)—The Admiralty announced today that two more ships of the 28-ship convoy attacked by a raider in mid-Atlantic, and in its heroic "suicide" stand were safe, and that four are known to be lost.

They had been announced as safe in Admiralty communications on Nov. 12 and 13. The Admiralty said today that "owing to the necessity for maintaining wireless silence, it has only now been established that two more ships from the convoy are safe."

The Admiralty named these as the San Demetrio and the Morzka Wola.

Germans Tell Of British Bombing Raids

BERLIN, Nov. 15—(Saturday)—(AP)—Waves of British bombers attacked Hamburg, Germany's great port, during the night, D.N.B. German news agency, announced early today, but claimed that only a few broke through the defences to reach the harbor and city proper.

The news agency claimed both anti-aircraft batteries and night-flying German pursuit planes broke up the British effort to carry out a mass raid on the port city.

700 Italian Prisoners Are Taken By Greeks

ATHENS, Greece, Nov. 15—(Saturday)—(AP)—Capture of 700 Italian prisoners, and 10 heavy guns in a continuing Greek advance along the 100-mile Albanian battlefield was announced by the high command early today. Both artillery and air actions were described as "intense."

Greek pilots bombed Italian columns in action and shot down two Fascist planes against two Greek losses.

Summarizing the position briefly a government spokesman said the Italians were retreating all along the front. He said "quite serious battles" were raging.

Income, Customs Excise Returns Show Increase

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—Customs duties, excise taxes, excise duties and sundry collections during October totalled \$45,563,848, an increase of \$16,919,375 over the same month last year, the Department of National Revenue announced today.

Income tax collections during October, by districts, with figures for the same month last year in brackets include:

Quebec \$504,078 (\$382,843); Halifax \$2,919,344 (\$1,224,269); Saint John \$1,750,671 (\$1,119,703).

Jap Military Activity May Presage Move

HONG KONG, Nov. 15—(CP)—Intensive Japanese military preparations which Chinese and other observers believe may signify an imminent "southward push"—possibly against French Indo-China—were reported today from various Chinese centres.

Japanese warships were said to be assembling off Hainan Island, across the Gulf of Tonkin from Indo-China, for "naval manoeuvres" and considerable troop activity was reported in coastal towns as long this strategic island.

The Japanese preparations, Chinese advisers said, have taken a spurt since withdrawal of Japanese forces from Kwangsi and South Kwangtung Provinces in South China. Only yesterday the Japanese announced completion of these withdrawals.

Yugoslav Guns Fire On Bombers

BITOLJ, Yugoslavia, Nov. 15—(AP)—Yugoslav anti-aircraft guns went into action tonight for the first time against foreign planes when three unidentified nationalities raided the railway station. No casualties were reported.

This was the second time this Yugoslav town near the Greek-Albanian border has been bombed since the start of Italy's invasion of Greece. On Nov. 5, two persons were killed, five were injured and heavy property damage caused when three planes raided the town in broad daylight.

Both the Italians and Greeks disclaimed responsibility for that attack. A Greek communiqué said Italians made it.

Tonight's attackers came over from the Greek-Yugoslav border, dropped their bombs, and over blacked-out Bitolj, then let go with their bombs.

Anti-aircraft guns lifted a tremendous barrage that lasted eight minutes. The planes, following a westerly course, apparently were not hit.

Yugoslav pursuit planes, on guard against a repetition of the previous attack, took off, but were unable to find the attackers.

Uncle Sam Warns Franco Of Deep Gibraltar Interest

May Be Move To Deter Spaniards From Agreeing To Axis Drive In Western Mediterranean.

By J. C. STARK, Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—(AP)—Friction developed between the United States and Spain governments today as the United States re-asserted its 34-year-old treaty rights in the international zone of Tangier and Madrid announced a probable ban on operations of all American press correspondents in Spain.

These developments came as the visit of Ramon Serrano Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, to Paris and a Berlin announcement that he had been invited to return to Berlin stirred new speculation about possible active moves by Spain to co-operate with the Axis powers.

The state department announced that representations had been made in Madrid over the recent Spanish seizure of full control at Tangier, the strategic international zone in Morocco which commands the approach to the Strait of Gibraltar from the Atlantic.

In view of the slight interest shown by the United States in the visit of Serrano Suner, the representations were interpreted here as a means of registering the United States government's interest in any Spanish move to co-operate with the Axis powers in seizing Gibraltar.

Spanish authorities in Madrid notified American correspondents that they would not be permitted to send out any dispatches, effective next Monday, and said the action was a result of refusal by the United States to grant visas for correspondents of the Spanish news agency to come to the United States or for that agency to operate here.

State department officials asserted, however, that no visa applications had been received here for correspondents to represent the Spanish agency or for permission for the agency to operate.

Italian Warship Is Bombed

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 15—(AP)—The British Middle-East command announced tonight that the Royal Air Force had bombed an Italian warship at Tobruk, Italian Libya, in a new raid on Italian bases and points along the Addis Ababa-Jibuti railway in Ethiopia.

Land fighting, the command said, had been limited to operations around Kassala and Gallabat, the latter along the Sudanese-Ethiopian border. At Gallabat British troops are masters of the captured town and in position to harass the Italians over the frontier. Reports said the Italians are sending up reinforcements.

Eight Naval Vessels To Be Launched Soon

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—Navy Minister Macdonald told a press conference today that eight new naval vessels will be launched in Canada within the next eight days and that a new classification of officers will be added to the Royal Canadian Navy.

Mr. Macdonald said construction on the new vessels was in advance of schedule, according to reports reaching him, and that their launching in Canadian shipyards was an indication of progress of the shipbuilding program.

Mr. Macdonald also announced inauguration of the "special branch" classification of officers for the Royal Canadian Navy. This branch would consist of men with specialized ability, in such lines as engineering, physics, or chemistry. The new group would not be subject technically to the rule that every officer must go to sea on active service. Their work will be largely in constitutional and operational problems, which increase as the navy expands.

Income, Customs Excise Returns Show Increase

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)—Customs duties, excise taxes, excise duties and sundry collections during October totalled \$45,563,848, an increase of \$16,919,375 over the same month last year, the Department of National Revenue announced today.

Income tax collections during October, by districts, with figures for the same month last year in brackets include:

Quebec \$504,078 (\$382,843); Halifax \$2,919,344 (\$1,224,269); Saint John \$1,750,671 (\$1,119,703).

Jap Military Activity May Presage Move

HONG KONG, Nov. 15—(CP)—Intensive Japanese military preparations which Chinese and other observers believe may signify an imminent "southward push"—possibly against French Indo-China—were reported today from various Chinese centres.

Japanese warships were said to be assembling off Hainan Island, across the Gulf of Tonkin from Indo-China, for "naval manoeuvres" and considerable troop activity was reported in coastal towns as long this strategic island.

The Japanese preparations, Chinese advisers said, have taken a spurt since withdrawal of Japanese forces from Kwangsi and South Kwangtung Provinces in South China. Only yesterday the Japanese announced completion of these withdrawals.

Among the warships off Hainan were reported three aircraft carriers. The Japanese army was said to have been unloading huge munitions stores there during the last two weeks.

Altogether, Chinese sources said, the Japanese have some 70 warships in the waters adjacent to Indo-China and Hainan along with 120,000 troops.



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Nov. 15—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	8 15
Victoria	40 61
Edmonton	24 49
Regina	14 38
Winnipeg	12 36
Toronto	29 35
Ottawa	30 31
Montreal	32 33
Quebec	30 31
Saint John	38 50
Halifax	42 47
Charlottetown	39 47

FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh winds; cloudy with occasional showers and some fog.

Synopsis: The weather has been cold in Ontario with light snow in central and eastern districts, while in the Western Provinces it has been fair and mild.

High tide this morning at 11:55 and tonight at 11:25.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:31 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:10.

Last quarter moon, Nov. 23, 12:36 p.m.

Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Toronto 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

Leaves Borden 11:00 A.M., 3:15 P.M.

Coming Events

*Reserve Wednesday, December 18th, at St. Peter's Cathedral Tea and Sale. L-470-11-16-23.

*Dance, Pleasant Grove Monday, November 18th, Dancing 9 to 1:30. L-526-11-16-21.

*Reserve November 28 for hot turkey supper at A. Duffett's, Windsor. L-543.

*Cake sale, S. A. Macdonald's, Saturday, Nov. 16. Children's table, King's Daughters. L-413-11-16-21.

*Bazaar, High Tea, Bingo, etc., St. James Church at Town Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, November 14th. L-522-11-16-21.

*Annual Church Chicken Supper in Cornwall Hall, Monday, November 18th, if not fine Tuesday, Supper served from 6 till 10. Sale of home cooking. L-413-11-16-21.

(Continued on page 10, Col 8)

(Continued on page 10, Col 7)

BEGINNER'S LUCK

LONDON—(C P)—A child sleeping in a pram in the hallway of a house here was unharmed when a bomb hit the house. Paris of the bomb were found by the pram.