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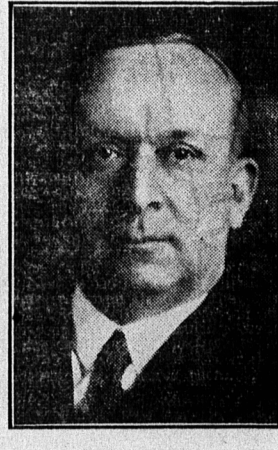
SOWJET ARMY ROLLS AHEAD ON ROAD TO SMOLENSK

Order Restricts Use Of Manila Fiber 2,800 Germans Fall On Snowy Battlefields

Mayor Holman, Five Councillors Re-elected

Contest develops in Ward Five at Nomination Day proceedings yesterday; Water Commissioners also receive acclamation.

His Worship, Mayor B. Roy Holman was re-elected by acclamation yesterday when he offered for his second term as Chief Magistrate of Charlottetown. Five councillors, representing Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, were also re-elected to another term in the City Council.



MAYOR B. ROY HOLMAN

Councillors like an acclamation for all the members of the present Council when, less than two hours before the nominations were scheduled to close, no new names were submitted. However, between 7:30 and 8 p.m., Mr. A. T. MacKinnon, local contractor and Mr. L. L. Wright, shoe merchant, nominated for Ward 5. In this particular Ward, which is the largest in the City, three Councillors are elected each term. The three Councillors representing the Ward at present, Councillors J. E. Blandford, Henry Leighton and B. Earle Chandler, are seeking re-election. In the last Civic election these men were elected by acclamation. The Civic election will be held next Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Councillors re-elected by acclamation yesterday were: Ward 1, Coun. T. A. Butler; Ward 2, Coun. F. C. Dougan; Ward 3, Coun. J. C. McDonald; and Coun. J. E. Sierns. The three Water Commissioners, Messrs. J. A. Webster, W. D. Gillis and G. D. Wright, were also re-elected by acclamation.

Mayor Holman's re-election yesterday marks the first time in 40 years that a Mayor was re-elected by acclamation for the second term. In 1902 the late Dr. James Warburton was re-elected Mayor for a second term as Mayor of the City. Mayor Holman first entered Civic politics in 1928 when he was a successful candidate as Councillor. With the exception of one year he has continued ever since in City Government.

Food situation is improved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The food situation in Great Britain appears to have improved moderately during the last nine months, the office of foreign agricultural relations said today in a report giving credit to lend-lease supplies received from the United States.

The report said that since the United States inaugurated the lend-lease program last spring, it had shipped more than \$300,000,000 worth of evaporated, milk, cheese, eggs, dried fruits, canned fruits and vegetables, and other pork products and other agricultural commodities to Britain.

Defenders hold Fast in Burma

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 4 (AP)—British and American airmen blasted Japanese barges along the Lower Salween river today as artillerymen pumped explosives across the water barrier in a steady defence of the approaches to Rangoon and the Burma road.

Thousands of reinforcements, tall, lithe fighting men from India, bolstered the British and Indian troops holding the west bank of the single stream from Martaban, near the mouth, northward to Paan, 25 miles away.

An army communique reported that for two days Japanese artillery based in abandoned Moulmein had been shelling Martaban in an effort to make it untenable for the imperial troops, but the enemy "has not succeeded in his object."

MacArthur's men Repulse attack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Reporting the sharp repulse of an attack on his left flank, Gen. Douglas MacArthur informed the United States War Department today that his men were busy "mopping up" isolated enemy troop units which had filtered through his lines.

Binder twine Not to be used Except for crop

Amount Of Rope Available Only A Fraction Of 1941 Figure.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 (CP)—An order restricting use of manila fibre and rope and reducing production of all hard-fibre rope and twine except binder twine was announced tonight by the department of munitions and supply.

The order, approved by R. C. Berkinkshaw, chairman of the wartime industries control board, is effective immediately.

Under the order manila fibre can not be used in manufacture of rope for tying parcels and bundles for binding trees for shipment. The order prohibits use of manila or sisal in skipping ropes and toys.

Use of manila or sisal fibre, other than tow, in the manufacture of rugs, bedding and furniture, also is banned.

J. R. Nicholson, deputy controller of supplies, said that "because the war in the Pacific has suspended all deliveries of manila hemp, the demand for sisal in the making of rope has made it necessary to control rigidly all uses of both fibres."

"There is no manila available for any but the most essential war purposes, and so it is no exaggeration to say that the situation in regard to manila is almost as serious as our lack of rubber."

Cotton twine, cotton twine and cotton rope will not be affected by the order as they are not hard fibre.

Farmers will be allowed all the binder twine they need to the extent of their normal requirements, but the twine will be made of sisal and will contain no manila. Use of binder twine for any purpose other than binding grains is forbidden.

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War Situation Last Night

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

Despite his assurances that "great reinforcements" will arrive in the southwest Pacific, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's appeal to allied troops there to hold their ground carries a grim reminder of the British "back-to-the-wall" order in France 24 years ago.

That "order of the day" was issued April 12, 1918, by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, later Earl Haig. The German master offensive of that dark spring was in full cry, with American troops yet to be tested in major action. British lines in Picardy were crumbling and contact between British and French armies was gravely threatened.

Gen. Wavell had that in mind in citing the Ypres precedent as well as the British stand at Tobruk. Now in France in 1918 an ally is to hold on until help reaches them to turn the tide of battle against the Japanese.

Thus history repeats itself within less than a quarter century. Gen. Wavell's appeal to hold on until help reaches them has apparently reached the conclusion that the crisis is at hand there.

The news from one other war front is none too cheering. The British "annihilation drive" in North Africa has become a puzzling retreat. Empire forces have withdrawn from virtually all the Libyan hump.

Hold On At All Cost Is Gen. Wavell's Order

News "great reinforcements" of British and Americans enroute to southwest Pacific sends new hope through Singapore.

(By C. Yates McDaniel, Associated Press Staff Writer)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 4 (AP)—The supreme allied command, charging the defenders of Singapore to hold on at all cost, assured this besieged island today that "great reinforcements" of British and American forces are being sent to the southwestern Pacific, and strong new hope swept through the Imperial line.

As the fifth day of the siege ran out with the Japanese invaders still lying quiescent across the Johore Strait, and disposing his troops under heavy fire from British batteries, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell declared in a special order of the day:

"Our part is to gain time for great reinforcements we and our American allies are sending to the eastern theatre.

"We are in a similar position to the original British expeditionary force which stopped the Germans and saved Europe in the first battle of Ypres.

"We must be worthy successors to them and save Asia by fighting these Japanese.

"We have now reached an area where we cannot be constantly outflanked, and where the enemy cannot exploit superior mobility.

Isley warns Program will Demand all

Tells Commons Plans For This Year Will Require "Extreme Limit" From Canadians.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 (CP)—Finance Minister Isley today warned the House of Commons that this year's war program will demand "the extreme limit of what this country can do."

He agreed to such a program, he said during debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, because he believed the nation's human and material resources during the coming year should be strained to the utmost.

Mr. Isley defended the government's proposed conscription plebiscite as a "natural, honorable and desirable" course.

Those who advocated a boycott of the forthcoming victory loan as a protest against the plebiscite were "directly sabotaging" the war effort, he said.

Their action was less defensible than that of a labor group threatening a strike in a vital war industry. It was "a strike against the state," he said.

The minister said he hoped the plebiscite would free the government from its past commitments against compulsory overseas service and the way for whatever action future events might dictate.

He said he was against conscription as a method of raising an efficient army and was convinced that the voluntary system had succeeded to date.

"The world is in flames," he added. "No one can tell what method will win."

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Declares Gov't Is withholding Information

TORONTO, Feb. 4 (CP)—Major Alan Cockeram charged in an address last night that the Federal Government is withholding from the public "the truth about happenings of an eastern Canadian port" in order to "cover up their lack of sufficient preparation."

"The Government of Canada is treating the people as if they were children," Maj. Cockeram told a political meeting held in the interests of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Dominion Conservative leader and candidate in the York South-by-election Feb. 9.

However, the Netherlands command said Soerabaja's port installations suffered little in the destructive initial raid, and also reported that ground troops still were resisting bitterly against the Japanese landing forces on Amboina Island, N.E.I.'s second most important base, far to the north-east, between Celebes and New Guinea Islands.

(A Tokyo radio report relayed by Berlin claimed that the Japanese had completely occupied Amboina, 635 miles off northern Australia, and strategically located on allied supply lanes.

Island man Killed in Ont.

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Ship spent much Time dodging subs

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Feb. 4 (CP)—The ship that carried Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton to Canada for his present visit spent a good part of the Atlantic voyage dodging submarines.

As authorities tonight allowed disclosure of the Canadian Corps commander's method of travel, it became permissible also to state that there had been subs in the ship's vicinity at times as she crossed the ocean.

"We had to do considerable shuffling about to avoid them," the general told newsmen on arrival, though he indicated no one aboard the well-guarded vessel had been worried. As far as was known, no U-boats were sighted from the vessel that carried Gen. McNaughton, his wife and several high-ranking army officers.

Gen. McNaughton and Mrs. McNaughton were at the gangway of the ship as it nosed into its berth here, with only a few army-navy and air force officers on hand to welcome them. A scattering of stevedores recognized the corps commander with surprise for his coming to the dominion had been a well-guarded secret.

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Are opposed To conscription

MONTREAL, Feb. 4 (CP)—Three Montreal French-Canadian organizations today issued statements asking their members to answer "no" when the federal government asks the people of Canada if it should be released from its promise not to have conscription for overseas service.

The organizations were the Montreal branch of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Montreal branch of L'Association Catholique De La Jeunesse, the Canadiane-Francaise (the Catholic Association of French-Canadian youth), and La Chambre De Commerce Des Jeunes (Junior Chamber of Commerce).

(By The Canadian Press)

MOSCOW — Russians continue drive, bearing most strongly on German centre, right flank.

CAIRO — British surrender Derna, but inland forces stage offensive.

SINGAPORE — Island fortress quiet except for air attack in fifth day of siege as Wavell messages help coming.

LONDON — Beaverbrook named war production minister in Cabinet shuffle.

RANGOON — R. A. F. American fliers smash Jap efforts to cross Salween River.

WASHINGTON — Japs repulsed in Batan coast drive.

LEWES, Del. — Enemy sub sinks 15th ship, killing two.

New Zealand Armed Vessel Sees Action

AUCKLAND, Feb. 4 (CP)—Action between the New Zealand armed merchant cruiser Monowai and an enemy submarine occurred recently outside New Zealand waters, it was announced tonight.

No hits were scored by either side. Indications were that two torpedoes were fired. Five minutes later the submarine came to the surface four miles away. The Monowai opened fire, which was returned by the submarine.

After six minutes the enemy broke off the action. The U-boat dived and disappeared. It was the first time the Monowai had been in action.

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Aussies cut off Return to units

SINGAPORE, Feb. 4 (AP to CP)—Australians who were cut off by their units during the bitter Muar-Pakit-Sulong fighting in Malaya nearly a fortnight ago have been returning to the main body of the Australian Imperial force during the last few days.

Some have walked through the jungle and others have come down the coast in small boats. They have got across the Straits to Singapore Island from Johore, some even swimming in broad daylight. The hardships they have undergone are unbelievable but all seem anxious to rejoin their units immediately; indeed many already have done so. Two feet will keep many others out of action for the time being.

McNaughton At Montreal

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 (Thursday) (CP)—Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, commander of the Canadian Corps, is visiting Canada for consultations on military matters, arrived early today by train from Montreal, completing the first half of a round-trip journey which will soon take him overseas again.

For 15 minutes he and members of his party stood on the station platform in bitter cold to chat with Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Defence Minister Ralston, army chiefs, relatives and friends on hand to meet him.

In a brief press interview he expressed pride in Canada's overseas soldiers and made it plain that while in the Dominion he does not intend to get involved in controversial issues.

First to greet Gen. McNaughton as he stepped to the platform with a broad smile was Col. Ralston. "Hello, hello," the Defence Minister said and Gen. McNaughton replied with a warm: "Hello, Sir, how are you?"

Then Mr. King stepped forward with a few remarks to chat with Gen. McNaughton, who accompanied him from England and will go back with him, went to a hotel to spend the night.

Bank Of Nova Scotia Officers Re-elected

HALIFAX, Feb. 4 (CP)—Officers of the Bank of Nova Scotia were all re-elected at the annual meeting of the bank here today.

The directors were re-elected with the exception of Senator George Gordon whose death occurred yesterday in Toronto. Annual reports were adopted.

Two Axis supply Ships left burning

LONDON, Feb. 4 (CP)—Allied warships intercepted two Axis supply ships off the Channel Islands this morning and left both of them sinking, the admiralty announced tonight.

Light naval forces, including units of the Polish navy, intercepted the supply ships and blasted them with shellfire at close range.

This announcement said the allied forces suffered no casualties or damage in the action off the German-occupied British islands off France's Normandy coast.

Meighen urges Conscription of All resources

TORONTO, Feb. 4 (CP)—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, tonight in an address to electors of York South urged conscription of "all wealth and all resources."

He said that "no country could embark on a major war unless the government can dispose of the manhood and the possessions of the country" in a manner considered to be in the best interests of the war effort.

Mr. Meighen spoke at a meeting in the Silverthorn Canadian Legion Hall in the York South Federal by-election campaign, in which he is Conservative candidate. J. W. Noseworthy is C. C. F. candidate in the by-election. Voting is Feb. 9.

In his address, Mr. Meighen said no thinking man would ever suggest a nation should "spare the wealth of any man at the cost of the blood of its sons."

U. S. extends Areas barring Enemy Aliens

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The United States government today barred enemy aliens from 21 additional sectors of the Pacific States where dams and other vital installations might be sabotaged and drastically restricted their movements in other areas there.

The Justice Department designated 24 areas in Oregon and seven in Washington from which German, Japanese and Italian nationals will be excluded starting Feb. 15. Eighty-six similar "prohibited" areas had been set up previously in California.

The department also designated more than 50 miles of California coastline, 30 to 150 miles deep, as "restricted" areas in which enemy aliens will be subject to a 9 p.m. curfew and their movements will be limited virtually to their homes and places of employment.

Meanwhile, the federal security agency announced it would suppress the removal of enemy aliens and their families from the prohibited areas and their settlement in agricultural regions elsewhere.



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Feb. 4—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	12B	4
Victoria	41	50
Edmonton	21	33
Regina	21	34
Winnipeg	18	25
Toronto	18	32
Ottawa	10B	9
Montreal	5B	12
Boston	8	28

Synopsis: The weather has turned milder over the great part of Ontario and has continued comparatively mild in the western provinces.

High tide this afternoon at 1:45 and tomorrow morning at 1:50.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:12 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:15.

Last quarter moon Feb. 8, 9:52 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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