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## RUSSIAN ARMY UNITS CROSS PRUT RIVER

### Finns May Have Peace By Easter

#### Soviets Offer Finland New Peace Terms

STOCKHOLM, April 2—(AP)—Peace with Russia, perhaps before the end of the year, appeared to be within Finland's grasp tonight on the eve of a momentous extraordinary session of parliament called to hear the government report on Juhon Paasikivi's new two-day visit to Moscow. The signing of the peace terms, which broke the ice in negotiations here late in February, was understood to have returned to Helsinki by air from Moscow Saturday night after having transmitted to his government some Russian modifications of armistice terms. These were considered to be much milder than any heretofore mentioned. Reliable informants said the new terms leave to the Finns the naval base of Hangö on the peninsula at Finland's southwestern tip, and Viipuri, the Karelian metropolis which is Finland's second city and a vital cog in her timber industry. Nothing could be learned of what was said in the discussions between Paasikivi and the Russians regarding the Moscow demand for internment of approximately seven German divisions in Finland. But it seemed certain that this thorny problem has been thrashed out and a tentative plan reached for dealing with it.

#### 30 N. B. Schools Without Teachers

FREDERICTON, April 2—(CP)—More than 30 New Brunswick schools have been closed owing to lack of teachers. Dr. Fletcher Peck, director of education for the province, told the public accounts committee of the legislature Saturday. Special arrangements had to be made for the present term numbered 344, as compared with 16 in 1940. War conditions had caused a "flight" of teachers to higher paid industries, he said.

#### Winchell To File First Libel Suit

NEW YORK, April 2—(AP)—Walter Winchell, after a radio broadcast tonight in which he replied to charges made against him by representatives of the United States Army, announced he would file a libel suit for \$250,000 tomorrow against representative Clare Hooper (R-Mich.). "It's the first suit I've ever filed against anyone," the columnist said.

#### COMING EVENTS

- Just arrived a few Coal and Wood Chick Brooder Stoves, Union & Spillies. 4-3-41.
- Victory Seed Oats to arrive. Book now. McCulligan & Boyle. 4-3-101.
- Variety Concert in Bradshaw Hall, Tuesday, April 4th, in the evening. 4-1-3-21.
- Free Town, Monday, Bradshaw National Film Board. 4-1-31.
- Leading Hogs for Davis and Fraser every Friday till 11:30. Arthur Haslam. 3-9-Thu-Mon-11.
- Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vesey. York. 4-3-5-21.
- Thinking live hogs for Davis and Fraser every Friday till 11:30. Arthur Haslam. 3-9-Thu-Mon-11.
- Unloading car seed oats at Charlottetown Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday this week. Livestock Feed Agency. 4-3-21.
- Notice—car of Quebec hogs arrived. Will be at Orwell Clark stable, Kensington Monday and Tuesday, Walker Weeks. 4-3-21.
- Leading hogs for Davis and Fraser every Friday till 11:30. Arthur Haslam. 3-9-Thu-Mon-11.
- Unloading cars Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Feed oats, double polished oats, bagged flour, mill-feed, barley meal and hog grower. Courtney and Son, Bedford. 4-3-21.
- Leading Hogs for Davis and Fraser as follows: Morris Casley, Wednesday 10 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. Sumnerdale Thursday till 1:30 P. M. Kensington Thursday till 3 P. M. Arthur Haslam. 3-9-Thu-Mon-11.



Statistics of the new quadruple screw ice-breaking railway car ferry to operate between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland with comparative figures for the former S.S. "Charlottetown" and the S.S. "Prince Edward Island".

	New Ferry	Charlottetown	P. E. I.
Length overall	372 ft. 6 in.	324 ft.	300 ft.
Length between perpendiculars	348 ft.	310 ft.	285 ft.
Breadth moulded	61 ft.	69 ft.	52 ft.
Depth moulded	24 ft. 9 in.	26 ft.	24 ft.
Draught extreme	19 ft.	19 ft. 3 in.	19 ft. 6 in.
Tonnage, approximate gross	7,000	5,889	2,795
Tonnage, approximate net	4,500	3,365	1,100
Railway car tracks	3	2	2
Railway cars carried	19	16	12
Automobiles carried	60	41	40
Passengers	950	800	750
Restaurant	200 per hour	100 per hour	capacity 27
Engines	8 sets Sulzer diesel	8 sets Sulzer diesel	3 sets electric
Horse power	12,000 h. p.	8,000 h. p.	7,000 h. p.
Speed approximate	16 1/2 knots	14 knots	12 1/2 knots

#### News Briefs

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, April 3—(Monday)—(AP)—**American forces have expanded their beachhead perimeter at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, Allied Headquarters announced today.

**CHICAGO, April 2—(A P)—**Plus and other Vatican officials are giving sanctuary and other assistance to Jewish refugees, a conference of Midwestern Jewish Communal Leaders was told today.

**NEW YORK, April 3—(AP)—**The flag carrier of 1944 operations last week with only one Allied or neutral merchantman reported destroyed by U-boats in the Western Atlantic. The figure contrasted with announced destruction of 47 ships in the same waters in the first three months of last year, and of 100 vessels in the same period of 1942.

**LONDON, April 2—(CP)—**Author H. G. Wells, 77, who is ill with influenza, was reported today to have had a "pretty well" day.

**LONDON, April 2—(CP)—**The Air Ministry, in a recapitulation of March operations said today that it was a record month for the R. A. F., involving more than 8,000 bomber flights in which France and Germany were blasted with 31,360 tons of bombs at a loss of 331 planes. The total included R. C. A. F. losses.

**HALIFAX, April 2—(CP)—**A twin engine R. C. A. F. plane believed to be carrying four men has been missing since Saturday night on a flight from the air station at Debert Camp, N. S.

#### Airman Killed In Crash Near Mt. Pleasant

A member of the Royal Canadian Air Force was killed yesterday afternoon when a training plane he was piloting crashed and burned about a mile and a half from the home airport at Mount Pleasant. Air Force officials announced that the victim of the crash was Flying Officer Stewart Alexander Coffin, whose wife resides at Summerside. His father is Dr. Ernest Coffin of 1846 14th Street, West, Calgary, Alberta.

The flying officer, Coffin, alone in the plane, was off on a routine flight when the accident occurred.

#### Expect Action In Ceylon Area

COLOMBO, April 2—(CP Cable)—R.C.A.F. units stationed in Ceylon have been on the authority of air chief marshal Sir Richard Peirse that "in the not too far distant future you will have a great deal to do" because the enemy has been increasing his activities in the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal.

The air officer commanding Allied air forces in the southeast said details of a month-old crash in the Labrador, which one man was killed and five survivors struggled through a week of sub-zero temperatures before they were rescued and brought back to their home base.

The crash-up, which killed Flying Officer Griffin of R.C.A.F. Public Relations, former Toronto newspaperman, occurred while the men were flying from Iceland in the face of one of the most vicious storms to sweep the Atlantic coast this past winter. Three engines were dead and the fourth was ailing.

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The survivors were: Lt. (AL) Imrie, D.F.C. of Toronto, Pilot; Ft. Lt. (Continued on page 6, Col. 6)

#### Five Million Dollars For Extending Runways On Western Airports

OTTAWA, March 31—(CP)—Approximately \$5,000,000 is to be spent extending the runways and making other additions to the Edmonton municipal airport and the airports at Grand Prairie, Fort Nelson and Watson Lake, it was announced today by Trades Minister MacKinnon.

The Minister said that Munitions Minister Howe had authorized him to state that approximately \$1,500,000 would be spent on the Edmonton Airport. The work will be begun almost immediately.

These undertakings are part of an Air Force plan to strengthen and extend the runways all along the northwest staging route so they will be able to handle the heaviest planes that fly, officials said.

#### Reveal Details Of Month-Old Labrador-Crash

AN R.C.A.F. STATION IN NEWFOUNDLAND, April 2—(CP)—The R. C. A. F. made public today details of a month-old crash in the Labrador, which one man was killed and five survivors struggled through a week of sub-zero temperatures before they were rescued and brought back to their home base.

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### At Your Service

# "SALADA" TEA & COFFEE

If less must now go further it is doubly important to buy Tea and Coffee by the "flavour" standard

#### War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

There are stirring and significant happenings in the Pacific and Burma theatres, but it still is on Europe that world attention is concentrated.

The plight of the only Nazi willing war partner, Japan, as powerful American naval forces drive deep through her punctured South Pacific Atoll defence ring is obvious.

But it is on the other side of the world that April weather seems destined to see the attack on the Axis rage to a new high.

Brighter April skies mean new blistering air attacks for Germany and shaken Balkan satellites. There are indications from high allied sources that Anglo-American air power from Italian bases is linked with the Russian thrust toward the Balkans. The vital Budapest communications hub in Hungary, key to the whole Nazi defence front in southeastern Europe, is in easy reach for Foglia-based bombers. That fact lends grim significance to Moscow's warning to Hungary as well as Bulgaria and Rumania to get out of the war while yet there is time.

It is in southern Poland, however, that strongest intimations of a new German crack-up have developed. There were unconfirmed rumors this week-end that Nazi evacuation of the Lwow fortress that guards the way into the central Polish plains west of the Bug river was in progress. In the north at least the San River and German reinforcements not only of the last Nazi Dulener footholds in northeastern Russia, but of the Baltic States as well. East Prussia would be exposed by such a withdrawal. Only dire necessity of conserving manpower for a two-front defence of the inner walls of the Reich itself could explain such a Berlin move.

#### Michaud Gives Details Of New Ferry For Prov.

OTTAWA, April 2—The Honourable J. E. Michaud, Minister of Transport announced that Marine Industries Limited of Sorel, P. Q. has been awarded the contract for the construction of a new ice-breaking car ferry to operate between Borden, P. E. I. and Cape Tormentine, N. B. The keel for the new vessel has already been laid. The ferry will carry railway passenger and freight cars, automobiles and buses as well as passengers. This will be the finest craft of its kind in service in any waters, Hon. Mr. Michaud said, and will be operated for the Government of Canada by the Canadian National Railways. The contract calls for completion and delivery of the vessel before the winter of 1945 and the estimated cost is \$4,750,000.

Design plans for the new vessel were made by Messrs. German and Milne, naval architects and marine surveyors, Montreal, after extensive investigation in connection with Canadian National Railway officials into the potential railway and automobile traffic to and from the province of Prince Edward Island and other sections of the Dominion. Public meetings were held in Charlottetown and Summerside and expert advice was obtained from captains who have commanded the province's ice-breakers in breaking operations. The new craft will be notable for its outstanding appearance as well as its serviceability. Its engines will be more powerful than any other craft of its kind, generating 12,000 h. p. in the construction of the vessel all the latest advances in shipbuilding and marine engineering will be incorporated, combined with special features to meet various and service problems in the Northumberland Strait. The vessel will withstand the most severe ice conditions and will be able to operate through field ice as well as packed ice. Iceworthiness is considered to be of prime importance in the construction of the vessel.

#### Can Make Gas, Coal From Farm, Sea Products

CLEVELAND, April 2—(AP)—A process for making gasoline and coal from farm, forest and sea plants, enough to supply the world's needs, simpler and cheaper than other synthetic methods, was released here tonight by the American Chemical Society.

The process is based on a few hours, with heat and pressure, what nature took millions of years to do in forming coal and oil. It was perfected by Dr. E. Berl, research professor at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Berl said, for example, that sugar cane, planted on 21 per cent of the available cropland in the United States, could produce 100 million gallons of synthetic gasoline in the country used in 1940.

The process is simpler and faster than natural bituminous coal. They contain less sulphur, less iron, less ash and less tar. They burn more quickly and burn faster than natural bituminous coal. They contain less sulphur, less iron, less ash and less tar. They burn more quickly and burn faster than natural bituminous coal.

The process comes from a study Dr. Berl started 18 years ago to find out how nature made coal and oil. He believes he has solved this chemical problem.

Dr. Berl in the first Great War was chief chemist for the Austro-Hungarian war industry.

#### Allies In Slight Retreat At Anzio

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 2—(AP)—Allied 5th Army troops have made "a slight withdrawal" from one position 1 1/2 miles southwest of Carroceto on the Anzio beachhead after a heavy German raid, headquarters announced today.

Inland, Italian troops who seized Mount Marone on the central front 15 miles northeast of Cassino, moved on to occupy 2,600 feet Mount Castelnuovo just to the northeast, straightening the Allied line. The Germans offered no opposition to either push, headquarters said, but enemy patrols were out, withdrawing on contact.

There was no immediate official amplification of the withdrawal southwest of Carroceto after a Nazi raid Friday. Allied artillerymen knocked out two tanks west of Cassino, but apparently exploded an ammunition dump two miles north of Litoria, since explosions continued for three hours.

The beachhead announcement was the only unfavorable report on the front. With the situation in the railroad station area of Cassino restored, the only activity there was by German and Allied gunners. (This dispatch was the first indication that the Allies had lost ground in the station area of Cassino.)

#### Push Germans Back On Main Front.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 2—(CP)—Abraham Freedman, founder and president of A. Freedman and Sons, Ltd., Scrap Metal Dealers, died of a heart attack today. He came to Saint John from Lithuania 45 years ago. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons, the latter including Dr. Bernard Freedman, Halifax.

#### Invasion Of Rumania Is Cause Of Panic

By Tom Yarbrough

LONDON, April 2—(AP)—The Red Army has smashed across the Prut River into Rumania at several points in the first Russian invasion of Axis territory, and is within 19 miles of the prize port of pillaged Odessa, where thousands of Germans and Rumanians are being pinned against the Black Sea, Moscow announced tonight.

The historic crossing into Rumania, whose finest troops lie in graves extending clear to Stalingrad or are bottled up in the Crimea, came a full week after Russia gave "shaken Axis satellite a notice to quit its partnership with Germany."

The new Russian stroke has thrown much of the Rumanian population into a panic and martial law has been proclaimed in Bucharest, its capital, reports said.

German and Rumanian broadcasts said the Russians had crossed the Prut, which they reached last Sunday, near last key Rumanian rail hub where lines branch to the rich Ploesti oil fields, 70 miles away, and to Bucharest.

But it was probable the Russians also had entered north Rumania since Moscow's daily communiques told of the capture of Gertow, Bucovin village on that frontier.

The special Russian announcement stressed that the invasion of Rumania was dictated by military necessity, and not by any Russian territorial ambition.

#### D. N. B. Predicts Allied Offensive

NEW YORK, April 2—(AP)—D. N. B. broadcast, recorded by U. S. Government monitors, said today that the Allied 5th Army beachhead at Anzio had "collected considerable troop and material reinforcements" in the last few days and that it was probable "major Anglo-United States attacks" would be resumed at any moment.

The German broadcast said reinforcements poured in last night and that at Anzio the Allies had "arms, ammunition and equipment of all kinds arrived under protection of a smoke screen."

#### Comments On Plan To Provide Doctors

REGINA, April 2—(C P)—Municipal Minister R. J. M. Parker told the Saskatchewan legislature Saturday a number of doctors would be detailed to provincial rural municipalities to offset a shortage of medical men.

Arrangements to the Saskatchewan rural municipalities to provide a medical officer of the armed forces with equipment and a means of transportation necessary for carrying on a practice.

Mr. Parker said the Dominion Government would pay the costs of transporting medical men to the municipalities. "The medical officer would continue to draw his pay as a member of the armed forces."

A salary from the municipality and any other monies the doctor earns during the practice must be turned over to the province and the province will reimburse the Dominion Government for the doctor's pay, Mr. Parker said.

### THE SCHOOL OF EXPERIENCE ISN'T A SUNDAY SCHOOL!

High tide this morning at 8.30 and tonight at 7.22. Sun sets this evening at 7.30 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.36. Full moon April 8, 2.22 P. M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE  
Charlottetown - Summerside - Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 1.15 a. m.  
Arrive Charlottetown 3.30 a. m.  
5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE  
Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.  
Arrive Charlottetown 3.45 a. m.