

GERMAN ARMY WITHIN 75 MILES OF LENINGRAD

RUSSIA HAS GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS

U.S. Leaders Get impression From Roosevelt

President appears cheerful and confident after conference with Britain's Churchill.

By William B. Ardery Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—After a 90-minute conference with President Roosevelt, congressional leaders reported today they had gained the impression that the president has a real chance of holding out indefinitely against the military machine and that Russian resistance probably will prevail any German attempt to invade Britain this year.

While asking not to be quoted by name, one of those present said the president appeared to be cheerful and confident following his recent conversations at sea with Prime Minister Churchill.

Democratic leader Alben Barkley of the Senate told reporters that the president gave the congressional group the full picture of his talks with Mr. Churchill and discussed the advisability of an additional appropriation for the lend-lease program.

Senator Tom Connally (Dem.-Mass.), chairman of the foreign relations committee and another of

axis positions in Libya bombed

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 18 (AP)—British American airplanes, pilots of the British Mediterranean fleet blasted today at axis positions in Libya, dropping a steady stream of high explosive and incendiary bombs on supply bases, troop concentrations and ports in a series of coastal raids.

Navy planes also attacked every convoy warship they could spot in the Mediterranean, and in the Gulf of Libya. The axis-held ports of Bardia and Tripoli were bombed heavily.

Coming Events

Show—Crapaud Tuesday, L-469-8-19-11.

Show—Dance, Bradalbane Wednesday, L-469-8-19-11.

Fort Augustus Tea Wednesday, L-425-8-16-31.

Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl and Cold Storage, L-219-7-9-11.

North Rustico Tea Party, August 20th, L-1136-7-30-8-5-12-19.

Patriotic Dance, Simmott Road School, August 21st, L-440-8-19-11.

Collecting hogs Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Borden Graham, Gas, L-321-8-13-61.

August 19th Tea Party at Brae, not fine following day, L-186-8-9-121-14-16.

Albany United Church Supper, Wednesday, August 20th, L-472-8-19-11.

The Cream and Dance in Greenfield School Thursday, August 21st, L-478-8-19-11.

Wanted to buy—Bologna Cattle and Veal Calves, all grades, please write for prices, Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

August 19th Tea Party at Brae, not fine following day, L-186-8-9-12-14-16.

Women's Institute Social and Dance in Wiltshire Hall, August 20th, L-378-8-19-11.

St. John's Presbyterian Church Tea, Belfast, Wednesday, August 21st, if not fine will be held on Thursday, L-468-8-19-11.

Dance and Cram Chowder, Chancery Inn, Cavendish, Wednesday evening, August 20th. Good music. Admission 25 cents. L-467-8-19-11.

Will Ferry Warplanes To West Africa

Is far-reaching step to block any Axis attempt on Dakar.

(By J. C. Stark, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—In a far-reaching step to offset any German move to occupy Dakar and to strengthen British forces in the Middle East, President Roosevelt announced plans today to ferry airplanes directly to West Africa and on to the Middle Eastern front.

The White House announcement, which quickly followed the President's return from his historic sea conferences with Prime Minister Churchill, described the new service as "an important step to speed delivery of planes direct to the Middle East."

However, it was considered important also for its effect in neutralizing any move that the Vichy government might make to turn over Dakar, French West Africa, or Casablanca, Morocco, to Germany for naval and air bases. It was noted that the White House announcement said "the importance of this line of communication between our country and strategic outposts in Africa cannot be over-estimated."

Under agreements concluded with the Pan American Airways System, the White House said, the ferry system and a companion transport service would "provide direct and speedy delivery of air craft from the 'arsenal of democracy' to a critical point in the front against aggression."

Pan American will ferry the planes from the United States to West Africa and thence to the Middle East, also establishing an air transport service from West Africa to the Middle East. It plans to arrange a similar transport service to West Africa.

"Planes owned by the United States government will be used by

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Three German Patrol vessels Sunk by R.A.F.

32 German Towns and Cities felt British blows in July.

LONDON, Aug. 18 (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers and fighters ranging over the channel and northern France today sank three German patrol boats off the Netherlands coast, blasted industrial targets at Lille and strafed Nazi troops and an airdrome in Britain, the air ministry announced tonight.

These big scale assaults were followed up tonight with an attack by layer upon layer of R. A. F. raiders against other German-held bases in France. The night attacks returned home an hour after swinging out across the channel. Losses during the day were even. It was announced, with the R.A.F. and the Nazis losing three fighters apiece.

July statistics, now complete, indicate that the R. A. F.'s offensive in that month, heaviest ever undertaken by the bomber command.

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Newsman Tells Of Churchill Voyage

British Premier gets big welcome from convoy; No enemy craft or planes sighted.

Inventor, Soldier, Newspaperman dies

DUBLIN, N. H., Aug. 18 (AP)—Jasper Whiting, 98, inventor, soldier and newspaperman, died today at his home after a long illness.

Whiting devised a manner of producing Portland cement from waste products in 1889 and in 1907 he invented the Whiting cell for the manufacture of chlorine gas and caustic soda, ingredients used in manufacturing paper. He was a war correspondent for the London, England, Westminster Gazette during the Boer Rebellion in 1900.

5 dead, 50 Injured in New York fire

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP)—At least five men died and more than 50 were injured today in a raging Brooklyn waterfront fire which swept with accompanying explosions through the 3,750-ton Cuba mail line cargo ship Panuco, destroying the ship, its \$600,000 cargo and the 875-foot long pier where the vessel was moored.

Unofficial estimates placed the total damage at \$1,500,000.

Twelve members of the crew were reported missing tonight by the line. The New York dock company, owner of the destroyed pier, said its reports indicated that nine persons had been killed, and coast guard officials said they would not be surprised if that many died.

Fire still roared inside the vessel as night fell and police commissioner Lewis A. Valentine expressed fear that the bodies of several other crewmen would be found when the ship cooled sufficiently to allow an examination.

Firemen said she probably could not be boarded for days. The federal bureau of investigation, the police department's bomb and sabotage squad and the Kings county district attorney's office investigated the possibility of sabotage, but the dock company said there were "absolutely no indications of sabotage." Shipping circles discounted reports that munitions were anywhere near the fire.

There were unconfirmed reports that some members of the crew and some stevedores were trapped in the hold. One stevedore, Joe Wilde, said "a lot of men were trapped below decks. I don't see how they could have gotten out."

K. Of P. Delegates Meet at Moncton

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 18 (CP)—Delegates to the 55th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Maritime Division, and the 25th annual meeting of the Grand Temple, Pythian Sisters, were entertained at an informal dance in the K of P hall this evening. Both Grand Lodge and Grand Temple sessions begin tomorrow. Today was given over to registration.

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Churchill Returns; May Speak today

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Tuesday) (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill has called a meeting of the War Cabinet for a first hand account of his secret discussions with President Roosevelt.

He was speeding to London on a special train after his arrival in Britain on the battleship Prince of Wales. Several members of the War Cabinet prepared to greet him at the station and accompany him to 10 Downing Street for the cabinet session.

Arrangements were being made for Mr. Churchill to broadcast at the earliest opportunity. Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information, met the Prime Minister at the port to discuss plans for the speech.

The Prime Minister returned, smiling and waving his hat to the cheering people, while there were indications that Britain, in co-operation with Soviet Russia, was planning some strong move in Iran (Persia) to halt alleged German infiltration on that route to India. It was thought possible that his address would deal with that along with many other subjects.

As to his unprecedented trip to sea, it was revealed the Prime Minister had inspected British and American troops in Iceland on his

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Canadian ships Escort Churchill

LONDON, Aug. 18 (CP)—Canadian destroyers played a big part in escorting Prime Minister Churchill to and from his Atlantic rendezvous with President Roosevelt, it was revealed here today.

When the Prime Minister returned to a British ship today, Canadian destroyers were among the escort craft and when the two statesmen conferred on the Atlantic, the Canadian ships helped to guard the British battleship Prince of Wales.

Steady pounding At Nazi cities Is expanding

LONDON, Aug. 18 (CP)—The steady battering of Berlin and a dozen other German cities by coordinated raids of the British and Russian air forces is expanding with the lengthening nights and the costly attrition of Nazi fighter strength.

Royal Air Force sources said today that coordination so far had been relatively simple. They emphasized the difficulties and dangers in an exchange of detailed plans between air staffs.

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News Briefs

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Tuesday) (AP)—A number of fire and high explosive bombs were scattered over Moscow last night during an air attack in which an official announcement said only one raider got through the city's defences. Damage was described as insignificant.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 18 (AP)—Pan-American Airways of Brazil announced tonight one of its planes due at Sao Paulo this afternoon was missing with a crew of four and nine passengers, including Prof. Philip C. Jessup, of New York, internationally-known lawyer and lecturer.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (AP)—Wharf laborers at Brisbane today refused to load a cargo of wool aboard the Japanese liner Kishima Maru when the vessel docked here, and shouted "no wool for Japan."

LONDON, Aug. 18 (CP)—The Ministry of Agriculture announced that Britain now is producing its entire sugar ration.

Vessel with Dynamite cargo Founders

A two-masted auxiliary schooner, the Leona Maguire, owned by Capt. John Maguire of Borden and chartered to take a load of dynamite from Borden to Souris, foundered yesterday morning at 6 o'clock just inside the breakwater at Wood Islands two hours after striking a shoal off Indian Rock about three miles from where the sinking occurred.

The craft was commanded by Captain Dan Ferguson and the cargo was being carried for the Federal Department of Public Works. The cargo was loaded at Borden and was being carried to Souris. The ship was formerly the Nellie J. Banks.

Captain Ferguson and his three-man crew attempted to beach the vessel after she struck the reef in a stiff breeze tearing the rudder casing off. The crew reached shore after taking to a small boat.

Travellers to Wood Islands yesterday stated that the sails and mast of the schooner were visible with some of the cases of dynamite also being in evidence around the shore.

Possibility of salvage attempts are being discussed.

Interpreting The War News

By Edward E. Bomar Associated Press Staff Writer

The German capture of Nikolaev and the encirclement of Odessa mean that the Nazis are a bit closer to controlling the Black Sea. If they can dominate that body of water, they will be a bit nearer their objective of setting up a blockade-*prof* "new order" in Europe.

While the German press hails the occupation of the Iron Ore region as a shattering blow to Russia, official Berlin is presumably under no illusions that access to the Ukraine's riches can profit the Reich economically until some time after the Black Sea is opened to Axis tankers and other cargo ships.

Of immediate importance therefore is the degree to which the Soviet naval forces have been weakened by loss of the Nikolaev base. That has not yet been disclosed.

Transportation is a bottleneck in the effort to create a Nazi-dominated, self-sufficient Europe. Water routes, which include the 700-mile-long Black Sea, along with the Danube, canals,

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Gossip put British Premier's Life in danger

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Tuesday) (CP)—The Daily Herald's naval correspondent, A. J. McWhinrie, said today that gossip "jeopardized the life of the premier" while he travelled on the Prince of Wales.

"They guessed rightly that he had gone to America," he wrote; "they guessed wrongly that he went by bomber."

"Then somehow the story that he was travelling in the Prince of Wales began to get about. "People who know the war at sea from first hand experience remembered ships sunk within sight of land. Their memories went back to Lord Kitchener, lost in the cruiser Hampshire off the Orkneys in 1916.

"I do not doubt that Hitler knew the man he hates most was crossing the Atlantic. And who can doubt that he ordered his U-boats and long-range bombers to sink the Prince of Wales at all costs?"

(A BBC announcer in a broadcast heard in New York by CBS said:

"The Germans knew of the meeting, of course. Let's admit it. It is rumored that they even sent out the Tirpitz—a new 35,000-ton Nazi battleship—to scout about looking for Churchill.

"If this is true the Tirpitz met with no success and perhaps the hunter will now become the hunted and the Tirpitz will itself share the fate of her sister ship, the Bismarck."

Cuba Stops Pro-Axis Propaganda activity

HAVANA, Aug. 18 (P)—Col. Manuel Benitez, 80-year-old Havana police chief, said he has nipped pro-Axis espionage and propaganda activity in Cuba before it had a chance to get a real foothold.

A counter-espionage bureau created by the young police chief has reported the arrest of dozens of persons on charges of espionage, and the seizure of many bales of pro-Axis propaganda.

"We keep close tab on Nazi-Fascist activities," said Col. Benitez. "How well the job is done is demonstrated by the lack of active propaganda now. But the Germans and Italians are our chief problem—it is the Spanish Falange! (Cuba has a large Spanish colony.) But we watch the Falange closely."

Believes Japs Will stop short Of entering war

VICTORIA, Aug. 18 (CP)—Maj. Gen. Arthur E. Grasett, who for the past two and a half years has been in command of British forces in China, said in an interview today he believes Japan will not go to war with Great Britain or the United States. He arrived here with Mrs. Grasett from Hong Kong.

Sail 1,500 Miles In Small Open Boat

58 survive 23-day voyage; 82 set sail after liner sunk by enemy raider.

(By Louis Hunter, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Aug. 18 (CP)—A death-freighted voyage of 1,500 miles in an open boat, with daily food rations of less than an eggcupful of water, a sip of condensed milk and a biscuit each, was the experience of a group of survivors of a British liner shelled and sunk in the tropics by an enemy armed merchant cruiser.

The voyage—the story of which was related by an officer of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who was a passenger aboard the liner—lasted 23 days. Of the 82 survivors who started out in a lifeboat designed to hold 58 persons only 38 reached safety, 13 Europeans and 25 Indians. Five Europeans died during the voyage, which ended in North Brazil.

"We had to bale frantically during the first day and night because a considerable amount of water was leaking into the boat," the officer said in a broadcast story of the journey. "Next morning we discussed our position. We decided to try for the African coast and hoisted the mainsail, but found it quite impossible to go in an easterly direction as the boat would not sail into the wind, so we had no alternative but to try for the coast of Brazil, which we estimated to be 1,200 miles away.

"We found that we had about 16 gallons of water, 48 tins of condensed milk and two tins of bis-

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Soviets Hard-put At Both Ends Of Bending Front

Kingisep abandoned after bitter fight; Heavy fighting along entire front.

(By Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Tuesday) (AP)—Red army defenders, hard-put at both ends of their bending western front, have abandoned the town of Kingisep on the northern wing, putting the Germans within 75 miles of Leningrad, the Russians announced early today.

Kingisep is southwest of the former capital of the Czars and northeast of Lake Peipus, just inside the province of Leningrad from the Estonian frontier.

The Soviet information bureau said the town was given up after a bitter fight. It reported similar heavy fighting raging elsewhere along the entire sprawling front.

This retreat before Leningrad, the Soviet Union's second city, came within a day of the announcement of the abandonment of Nikolaev, big Black Sea naval and grain port, and Krivoi Rog, iron centre in the Ukraine on the southern front.

In the Baltic Sea the Russians reported the sinking of a German submarine and two enemy transports by torpedo boats of the Red fleet and in Saturday's air fighting reported the destruction of 22 German planes with a loss of 18 Soviet aircraft.

Lost battalions of Russian troops encircled by German pincers movements were reporting fighting their way back toward Red army lines in the face of persistent Nazi attempts to destroy them.

Pravda, the newspaper of the Communist party, told of the fighting behind the German front and said that Soviet mobile forces were being sent deep into the German lines in raids to check the Nazi offensive.

Payroll additions Top all records

OTTAWA, Aug. 18 (CP)—Canadian employers were reported today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to have added 77,500 employees to their payrolls in the period between May 1 and June 1, topping all previous records in an advance which was regarded as reflecting a new all-time high in industrial activity.

Returns from 12,536 establishments showed 1,528,834 employees at June 1 compared with 1,451,322 at May 1, an increase of 77,500 or 5.3 per cent.

The bureau said the increase was seasonal in character but "decidedly above" the average increase recorded at June 1 since records were started in 1920.

The Maritime Provinces reported staffs totalling 115,291 compared with 101,620 the previous month, a 13.3-per-cent gain.

Nazi air force Seeks to block Soviet retreat

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (AP)—The German air force claimed tonight to have put the whole of the Dnieper River bend under heavy assault to break up the Red retreat across that wide stream and prevent it from being converted into an effective defence line.

In the field, the Soviet armies of the southern Ukraine were described by the German high command as defeated and in flight which in some areas the Nazis said was "like a rout."

German bombs beat heavily, it was claimed, on the great industrial area of Dnepropetrovsk, which lies 80 miles northeast of the captured town of Krivoi Rog.

Smooth Sailing For All your Baking When you use BLOSSOM Flour

By a special correspondent of Reuters News Agency

WITH THE ROYAL NAVY ABOARD A BRITISH DESTROYER, Aug. 18 (CP)—The battleship Prince of Wales bearing Prime Minister Winston Churchill has reached a home port, ending the war leader's remarkable round-trip journey across the Atlantic to meet President Roosevelt.

Escorted by destroyers of the Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy the battleship broke her homeward voyage to allow Mr. Churchill to pay a day's visit to Iceland where he took the salute at a march-past of British and American troops stationed there.

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U. S. - Jap Relations in Critical stage

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Tuesday) (AP)—The American ambassador, Joseph C. Grew, conferred for hours with foreign minister Teijiro Toyoda on matters of utmost importance last evening amid Japanese charges that the United States was inciting Russia against Japan.

The million-strong Soviet far eastern army was reliably reported to be mobilized and stationed along the Siberian border (where persistent reports from the Orient say Japan likewise has massed many troops).

A SARDINE LACKS PERSONALITY. DON'T BE A SARDINE!



TORONTO, Aug. 18 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min, Max. Dawson 51 67, Victoria 54 72, Edmonton 44 75, Regina 44 75, Winnipeg 51 77, Toronto 51 74, Ottawa 42 74, Montreal 52 70, Boston 54 76

Synopsis: The weather has been mostly fair and moderately warm in the western provinces with showers in northern and western Ontario.

BOSTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Increasing cloudiness Tuesday, followed by showers Tuesday night and Wednesday; continued moderate temperature Tuesday; cooler Wednesday afternoon.

High tide this morning at 6:50 and tonight at 8:55. Sun sets this evening at 7:01 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:07.

New moon Aug. 22 1:34 p.m. Summer time 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN - CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE (Standard Time)

Leave Borden 6:45 A.M. 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 8:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M. 6:20 P.M. 8:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE Leave Borden 9:00 A.M. 12:00 noon. 4:45 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 10:05 A.M. 1:30 P.M. 5:50 P.M. 8:10 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY Leave Wood Islands 7:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M. Leave Caribou 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M.