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McNAUGHTON PREDICTS ACTION FOR CANUCKS

British Air Raid On Italy Believed Likely

French Ships At Dakar In Good Fighting Shape

ould take several months to outfit ships
at Alexandria.

By JAMES F. KING
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 17—(AP)—British observers declared today that the French fleet at Dakar probably could be fighting trim in a comparatively short time but that the damaged French warships at Alexandria could not be ready to join the fight against the Axis for several months at the earliest.

The observers were chary of official comment on Admiral Jean Darlan's declaration today that the French fleet at Dakar, Algeria and North African ports would join the British and United States forces in the Mediterranean. British headquarters here said there was no reason for not taking the post under which the French fleet would be operating as a joint operation. The fleet would be operating as a joint operation.

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Mussolini Victim Of Stomach Cancer In Advanced Stage

LONDON, Nov. 17—(CP)—Mussolini has cancer of the stomach in an advanced stage, an unofficial but usually reliable London source with good connections on the continent said today.

The diagnosis was said to have been made by Hitler's specialists, who went to Italy after persistent rumors that Mussolini was ill.

The informant said II Duce's stomach ailment started four years ago.

Truro Hotel Badly Damaged By Fire

TRURO, N.S., Dec. 17—(CP)—An undetermined number of guests were forced to flee, some in their night clothes, when fire broke out tonight in the St. James Hotel, one of Truro's two largest hotels. The fire, which originated in a second-floor closet, the flames spread rapidly. The three-story wooden structure was extensively damaged by smoke and water before the fire was brought under control.

A number of the guests were aroused by a fire alarm which sounded at about 11 p.m. and managed to run down stairs ahead of a wall of flame. No one was injured. The guests were given accommodations at another hotel.

Allied Air Drive Grows In Tunisia

Prisoner Says Enemy Too Young

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP CABLE)—A prisoner of war in the hands of the British army Major shot by the German army, 16-year-old Canadian soldier on enemy lines, declared the Canadian soldier "too young to be a sentry."

Major Ogilvie, of the Black Watch, who had been captured by the German army, said he had been captured by the German army. He had been captured by the German army.

Coming Events

- Talks—Souris Monday, 12-17-21.
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- Marshallfield School Concert, Monday, December 21st, 12-14-18.
- Rice Point School Concert, Monday, December 21st, 12-14-18.
- Card Party in Kelly's Cross, Monday, December 21st, 12-14-18.
- Reserve Dec. 21st for Christmas concert in Lot 65 Hall, 12-7-12-18.
- Wildley Lodge No. 27, I.O.O.F. Christmas concert, Monday, December 21st, 12-14-18.
- Freemason School Concert, Birch Hill, Monday, December 21st, 12-14-18.
- Christmas Concert, Hartville, Monday, December 21st, 12-14-18.
- Christmas Concert in Vernon Hall, Tuesday, December 22nd, 12-14-18.
- Farmers wishing to ship chickens advise McGuigan and Boyle, 12-16-30.
- Glennman School Concert scheduled for Monday, December 21st, 12-18-11.
- Unloading car Western No. 1 at Ouis, Dillon & Spiller, 12-18-19-21.
- We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, pay top market value. We also buy Turkeys, Ducks and Geese. Write or phone for prices. Island Storage, Ltd., 12-18-15.

Swiss Radio Goes Off Air Suddenly

Mosquito Bombers Attack Railway Targets In Low Countries.

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP)—The Swiss radio went off the air tonight at 9:50 o'clock at the time of the usual news bulletin.

This usually indicates that British planes are en route for raids on Northern Italy.

Almost at the same time as the Swiss radio shut-down, the Berlin radio broadcast a German transport agency dispatch from Milan warning of the arrival of German anti-aircraft artillery in off-bombed Turin.

It was recalled that Mussolini in his recent visit to Rome said the Germans were sending anti-aircraft guns to help Italy but only feeble resistance has been encountered from ground fire since then.

The dispatch told of official visits exchanged by the German commander, Fieschi, and Turin City Officials.

The indicated raid on Italy followed a day of slight aerial activity elsewhere. British Mosquito bombers attacked railway targets in the German-occupied low countries during the afternoon, scoring bursts on engine sheds and freight yards, on the air ministry announced. No planes were lost.

Four enemy planes bombed and machine-gunned a village in southern England during the day, causing damage to buildings and seriously injuring one woman.

Starvation Faces Japs

Cream Of Rommel's Army Said Trapped

Report Nazis Control Italian Ports, Railroads

P.E.I. To Help Premier Promises

Soviets Make Fresh Gains

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War Situation Last Night

(By William T. Peacock, Associated Press War Analyst)

That the war is in "sort of a lull" except for the submarine menace may serve to remind that the most important present phase of the campaign in Africa is the battle of supplies.

By all signs, the Allies are winning it despite the long, submarine-infested sea lanes and the muddy highways over which weapons must move from United States ports to the British and American forces besieging the Tunisian promontory.

Indeed, there are indications that the Axis, on its part, is having considerable difficulty, due to Allied sea and air attacks, in supplying necessities to the relatively small forces it has in Tunisia.

London reports (tell of complaints by captured Axis fighters that they had not enough gasoline or ammunition and suggest that the German and Italian planes based in Sicily are not more active because fuel is lacking.

From London comes also a report that the Germans, impatient with delays in movement of supplies intended for their Tunisian troops, have assumed control over all Italian railroads and ports.

Satisfaction over this immediate situation and the punishment the British 8th Army is meting out to Rommel's fleeing remnants must be tempered, however, by the reflection that the battle of supply is just beginning.

As men and weapons move in larger volume from this country to Africa, the strain on the British and American navies, which must protect them, will become increasingly greater.

It may be recalled that Prime Minister Churchill cautioned the British people amid the jubilation over the entry of American troops in Africa that the U-boat menace likely would become worse before it got better.

Mr. Churchill doubtless considered the advantages to U-boat operations arising from the necessity for Allied transports and supply ships to enter in large numbers the limited waters about the West African, Gibraltar and Mediterranean ports. Instead of ranging the seas in search of game, the Axis submarines now can concentrate in a small area.

Furthermore, that area is close to operating bases. Little time is lost when a U-boat returns to its base for torpedoes and fresh stores. The number of days it can actually engage in attacks on shipping is increased.

Winter, too, is an aid to the U-boat. The rough water at that time of year makes it difficult for a ship's lookout or an airplane crew to spot a submarine which is near the surface.

The full fury of the submarine campaign against the supply lines to Africa probably is yet to come. The German U-boat fleet likely was scattered over the North and South Atlantic when the surprise American landings in Africa were made. Some may have required two or three weeks to return to their bases and additional time for refitting. Soon they will go to sea again.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—A spokesman for the Office of War Information said tonight that there would be no suspension of "A" night gasoline rationing in the east or on the eastern United States seaboard.

Newsmen had been summoned to O.W.I. several hours earlier and it was generally understood that at midnight the sale of gasoline to holders of "A" cards in the eastern seaboard shortage area would be forbidden until further notice.

In Atlanta, an official source gave newsmen much the same information but later withdrew his statement.

Spokesmen here declined shortly before midnight to make any predictions as to the future.

It was obvious that the step had been decided upon but later was abandoned for the time being. Speculation turned upon whether such a suspension would be ordered some time tomorrow.

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New Potato Ceiling Changes Are Opportune

Growers Warned Not To Be "Too Optimistic" By Mr. J. W. Boulter.

It is opportune that the ceiling order for potatoes passed November 12 should be amended. Potatoes are at the lowest volume that will be reached during the entire shipping season, said Mr. J. W. Boulter, manager of the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association, in commenting on the new schedules announced by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

The present order is to be amended, Mr. Boulter said, inasmuch as it makes definite the maximum price which a retailer shall pay the wholesaler. Formerly there was some doubt about the maximum price which could be obtained. With the price ceiling at some central point the price to other points will be this plus or minus the difference in freight charges per sack.

Growers should not be too optimistic that the \$1.70 Montreal indicates any higher ceiling than before, as wholesaler's charges for delivery and his overhead, Mr. Boulter cautioned. But this should leave the ceiling slightly higher than it was. The former ceiling had not actually been reached when the order was amended.

Additional charges for heating cars in transit since the November 12 order was issued reduces the returns to the grower when receiving up to November 17.

The allowance for waste and shrinkage is fair and wisely graduated and is not likely to be exceeded because of the spread of the price at destination points, particularly when a buyer receives a car of potatoes running larger than the average."

Canucks Observe 3rd Anniversary In British Isles

By ROSS MUNRO
Canadian Press War Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 17—(CP Cable)—Canada's overseas army today marked the third anniversary of the landing of its first contingent with the most impressive demonstration of its fighting strength yet staged in the British Isles.

In a great parade that took 2 1/2 hours to roll past, the army exhibited for a distinguished gathering of its vehicles, tanks, guns and troops. It was a striking example of the development of the overseas army which has grown in three years from one division to a potent force of five divisions.

Visitors who watched column after column of the modern army rumbled past included Russian Ambassador Ivan Malyshev, Dominion Secretary Sir James Grigg, Maj.-Gen. Russell Hartle, Commander of the American expeditionary force in Britain, Lt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and Lt.-Gen. E. K. Smart of the Australian army.

At the head of the column, commander of the Canadian overseas Army, was there with Lt.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, commander of a Canadian Corps, and with divisional commanders and senior officers from practically every formation.

U.S. Price Administrator Quits Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt accepted late today the resignation of Price Administrator Leon Henderson without revealing who would succeed him.

"Saying he accepted it with 'great reluctance,'" Mr. Roosevelt said the resignation would be effective upon the appointment and qualification of your successor."

Reports have been current that the position would go to Senator Prentiss Brown (Dem.) of Ohio, who was defeated for re-election in the November congressional elections.

Henderson submitted his resignation and was given a "rather bad" physical difficulty and a "rather bad" impairment of his eyesight," and said his physicians had advised a long rest.

Soldiers To Get Badge

HALIFAX, Dec. 17—(CP)—Soldiers in Canada's Army qualifying for the newly-announced proficiency pay of \$1.50 a day instead of the customary \$1.30 will also win a special badge, Defence Minister Ralston told a press conference here today.

The insignia will be called the Mars Badge and will be a red circle bisected by a red arrow.

Backed by a patch of khaki, the badge will be worn on the right forearm of the tunic, with the arrow pointing towards the shoulder.

All men, the minister said, whether on duty in Canada or in Britain, will have equal right to the badge.

Col. Ralston said to look up a good book on astrology—the zodiac sign of Mars is a circle intersected by an arrow.

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Russian Furs On New York Auction

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Commander Says Many Plans Ready

Newsman Ask Canadian Army Head Questions Following Demonstration.

(By Ross Munro, Canadian Press War Correspondent)

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 17—(CP Cable)—Lt.-Gen. A. G. McNaughton indicated today the Canadian Army may see action here for long and, discussing the general progress of the war, said: "I definitely think there is the glint of a dawn on the horizon."

In an interview following a demonstration of the Canadian Army's strength on this third anniversary of the landing of the first contingent in Britain, the army commander was asked: "Do you think you are going to get your chance soon?"

"I don't think it is likely to be long delayed," he replied.

A score of Canadian, British and American war correspondents talked to Gen. McNaughton for an hour in his office at Army headquarters. He answered a dozen questions related to the present lack of action for the Canadian Army, the North African campaign, war production, invasion of Britain, reinforcements, Dieppe and general army policy and strategy.

The Canadian army has not seen much action "due to chance circumstances of the war as they developed," the Commander said.

Silver Fox Prices Advance At Montreal

Great interest has been manifested tonight in the Province in the Canadian Fur Auction Company's sale of silver foxes which took place yesterday at Montreal. The market had been weak all fall but a slight strengthening had taken place recently in New York. It was felt here that yesterday's sale would give a line on the trend of the regular one-half to three-quarter silver fox. It will be remembered that in September last the Canadian fur auction was a distinct disappointment with the average price of the offering \$18.39. It will therefore be news of the most gratifying kind to thousands of fox ranchers here to learn that the market, both in Montreal and New York, are strong as will be noted by the telegram which follows:

"Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Chairman of the Canadian Fur Auction Company, offered 11,843 silver fox pelts today. There was a good attendance and spirited bidding. 60 per cent were sold at an average of \$22.19 compared to an average of \$23.58 for the same sale one year ago.


"Selected one-half to three-quarter silver foxes advanced four per cent; regular full advanced nine per cent; selected full advanced nine per cent; regular full advanced five per cent. Inferior types declined 10 per cent; low grades advanced 20 per cent. (The above comparisons are in strength the December, 1941 auction.)

"Nice quality skins were in strong demand with large numbers of Over 50 pair white marked silvers averaged \$84 a pair.

"In the collection there were 6,900 inferior and low grades." "Reports from New York state that this year's auction there with prices same as January and February of this year. George A. Callbeck, manager Canadian Fur Auction, Montreal, Canadian Fur Association, fur marketing department."

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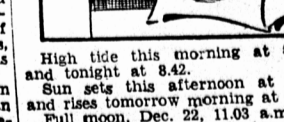
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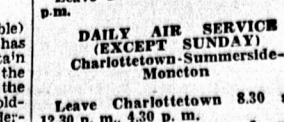
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