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Enemy U-Boat in St. Lawrence River

Heavy Fighting Rages On Kerch Peninsula

Minister Reviews Canada's Progress In Air Training

Taxis Put Under New Regulations

OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—Of all the nations fighting the war, Canada has made the greatest progress in air training. Air Minister Power told the House of Commons today. That he said is the reason the United Nations air conference is meeting here next week to observe that has been done to note methods followed and to consult on ways in excess of overseas requirements. The Minister spoke on the air share in the \$2,000,000,000 war appropriation bill. Giving facts and figures on the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan he disclosed that its schools now are producing a surplus of trained aircrew. That situation makes it possible to turn more aircrew graduates into the home war establishment of the Royal Canadian Air Force and to the extended operational training in Canada to aircrews destined for overseas service.

Men and Facilities
Mr. Power gave an account of the position of the Royal Canadian Air Force in men and facilities, both for home defence and in relation to the air training plan in which the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States are participating.

May 25th. To Be Holiday
OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—The Victoria Day holiday will be observed in Canada on Monday May 25 this year as the usual date of observance. May 24, falls on a Sunday. The State Department officials said today.

War—25 Years Ago Today
MAY 13, 1917—French repulsed attacks by army of the German Army Prince north of Reims on the Champagne front. Australian made gallant stand in outskirts of Baccourt in Vimy sector. Russian General Kornilov regarded as commander of the Petrograd garrison.

Coming Events
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*Play—Mt. Stewart Friday, 5-12-31.
*Entertainment Murray River Thursday, 5-12-31.
*Talks—Montague Saturday—Barnacle Hill—with Wallace Berry, 5-12-31.
*Dance in Kelly's Cross Hall Wednesday, May 13, 5-12-31.
*Collecting hogs every Friday. Please list with Leslie MacDowell, Fredericton, 5-12-31.
*Remember the rummage sale in St. James Hall next Saturday at 6:30 p.m., 5-13-31.
*A. P. Gallant store will be closed on Wednesday and Friday at 6 o'clock until further notice.

P. E. I. Hospital Nurses Graduation
Seven Receive Diplomas; Dr. P. A. Creelman Delivers Address

Seven student nurses, members of the 1942 Graduation class of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, received their diplomas last evening in an impressive ceremony held in St. Paul's Hall. The seven young ladies, who now are graduate nurses, were presented with the diplomas by His Honor, Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage.

The graduates were: Misses Hilda McPherson, New Perth; Hilda Coles, Milton; Evelyn McEachern, Cardigan; Charlotte Gordon, Charlottetown; Bertha Thompson, Dunstaffnage; Melva Lund, Bethel, and Dorothy Baker, Kensington.

Hundreds of relatives and interested friends were present to witness the memorable ceremony. A pleasing musical program was presented. The annual event was held this year on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth—

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Nazis Throw Heavy Forces Into Battle

Giant Struggle Is Resumed After Brief Lull; Results Are Not Apparent.

MOSCOW, May 13—(Wednesday)—(CP)—Heavy fighting raged through the night in the Kerch Peninsula with the Germans throwing masses of cavalry, tanks and infantry against formidable Russian forces defending that narrow gateway to the Caucasus, frontline dispatches reported early today. Red Army troops under General Kozlov, who recaptured the Kerch Peninsula from the Germans last December, were battling the Nazi onslaught in the Eastern Crimean struggle but results of the fighting was not learned here immediately. Informants here said the outcome "may be apparent in a few days."

The fighting on the peninsula was resumed yesterday in a renewal of the giant struggle in which the Russians already announced the destruction of 102 Nazi planes in two days. After a Monday night lull in the Nazi drive toward the Caucasus in Burma Drunk with weariness, the British and Indian armies of Burma are fighting on toward the mountains of Assam in the toughest withdrawal of this war.

Tighten Gas Regulations

OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—A motorist already in possession of a gasoline license for a private passenger car will not be allowed gasoline for any category "A" car he may purchase, it was announced today by the Department of Munitions and Supply.

The order, issued by Oil Controller G. R. Cottrill of Toronto, also prohibits anyone from obtaining a substitute for a car he purchases which is in addition to a car owned by anyone living with him and connected with him by blood relationship, marriage or adoption.

The Controller was quoted as saying the order applies only to a car purchased today or at some future date. It was intended to prevent anyone from circumventing the intention of the rationing order by purchasing an additional car in his own name or in the name of a relative. The provisions of the order could be waived by the controllers to meet exceptional circumstances.

"Anyone who yesterday had two cars in his possession, or one owned by himself and another by some relative or relative in the same household, is not affected by the order," he said. "The two licenses will remain in force."

GOOD OLD COVENTRY!
COVENTRY—(CP)—This city which adopted the cruiser Coventry for its warship week, contributed as generously in money as it did in bravery during ruthless Nazi raids. It is reported that \$13,800,860, double the objective.

Believe Japs Lurk North Of Australia
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 12—(AP)—Apparently Japs are planning an invasion attempt because of damages inflicted by the Allies in the Coral Sea battle, the Japanese invasion force was believed tonight to be lurking in island hideouts north of Australia, waiting for seaborne plane reinforcements.

The invasion fleet itself, particularly the transports, was believed comparatively intact, observers said. They added that it probably was well dispersed but ready to re-assemble quickly.

The bulk of the Japanese grand fleet was said to be stationed just northward of the area where the invasion forces are hiding. Japan's mandated Caroline Islands and Solomon archipelago and earlier reports have indicated that the grand fleet was somewhere in that area, probably at Truk.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
A Churchill prediction that a new "hurricane" of Nazi attack must soon end the "stormy lull" in Russia seems verified within 48 hours of its utterance. On the slender, blood-drenched finger of Kerch Peninsula, the Crimean backdoor to the Caucasus, the first German blows have fallen. That vindicates also the judgment of many Allied observers that it is falling oil reserves which must dominate Hitler strategy and hold out the brightest hope to shorten the war.

Whether the fight for the Kerch bridgehead to the Caucasus proves a feint or the actual beginning of a new German attempt to sweep around the Rostov corner, there seems no question that the most powerful concentration of Red armies on the whole 2,000-mile front is posted to defend that vital southern flank. Berlin radio commentators hint at a vast Nazi turning movement impending on the "Kharkov-Kerch front." Military onlookers in Berne estimate that Hitler has mustered 1,000,000 men for a supreme effort to break through into the Caucasus.

London discounts that report. Prime Minister Churchill himself indicated, however, that Russian and Allied staffs still lacked two days ago any positive information as to where and when the test would come. "We have not so far seen any evidence of those great concentrations of German masses which usually precede their large scale offensives," he said. "They may have been successfully concealed or may not yet have been launched eastward. But it is now the 10th of May, and the days are passing."

Weather conditions in the Crimea and northward to Kharkov have been suitable for two weeks or more for operations. By every straw-in-the-wind it is along the southern flank from Kharkov to the Kerch Peninsula the Russian high command has expected the German offensive to develop.

Burma Withdrawal 'Toughest In War'

British, Indian Fighters "Drunk With Weariness"; Forced To Abandon Heavy Equipment.
(By Daniel De Luce, Associated Press Staff Writer)
CALCUTTA, India, May 12—(AP)—Burma Drunk with weariness, the British and Indian armies of Burma are fighting on toward the mountains of Assam in the toughest withdrawal of this war.

Thirteen hundred miles and 13 days back I left there and drove a U. S. army jeep from Schwebo to Calcutta over trails fit only for goats, mules—and jeeps. No other type of motor vehicle in Burma could have made the trip. The exhausted remnants of two imperial divisions which have been continually in action during the whole Burma war must walk.

Must Leave Equipment
Their 12-ton tanks with cherry red desert rat insignia, their six-wheeled and four-wheeled trucks, their mobile "ack-ack" and field artillery, simply cannot be man-handled over 150 miles of sandy dunes and jungle morass to the coast, a malarial Assam pass. Harassed by enemy fighters and (Continued on page 6, Col 1)

Plane Overshoots Field, Two Dead
MILES CITY, Mont, May 12—(A P)—A westbound northwest slings plane overshoot the Miles City Airport by half a mile today and crashed in flames, killing its pilot and co-pilot. Twelve persons escaped alive today from the wreckage. The dead were Capt. Gene Shank and first officer Donald Harold Nygren, both of Minneapolis.

Capt. R. R. Martin of Seattle, riding as the third member of the crew, and Lieut. J. Barnett, a passenger, were taken to a hospital suffering from injuries.

ATE RATION BOOKS
LONDON—(CP)—Blackpool food office thought someone was joking when this letter arrived: "Please have reinforced their aerial squadrons the others have been eaten by our flying north of Australian waters, elephant." It was from a circus military correspondent's reported.

News Briefs
MORGANTOWN, W. V., May 12—(AP)—An explosion ripped through a mine at Osage, near Morgantown, today and left more than 40 men still unaccounted for several hours after the blast, in the no. 3 mine at the Christopher Coal Company.

KENTVILLE, N. S., May 12—(CP)—Its pageantry greatly modified because of the war, the Antigonish Valley apple blossom festival will be held here May 22 and 23, it was announced today. The proceeds this year will be turned over to the Red Cross.

OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—Abolition of the word "defence" in cabinet portfolios and substitution of the word "war" was urged in the House of Commons today by Ross Macdonald (Lib. Brantford city). He said too much attention is drawn to defence and not enough to creating the offensive spirit.

OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—Air Minister Power told the House of Commons tonight that the training of glider pilots in the Royal Canadian Air Force was receiving very careful consideration. The inquiry was made by H. R. Emerson (Lib. Westmorland).

12 Quebec Liberals In Opposition

OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—Organized "last ditch" opposition to the Government's compulsory service policy appeared tonight to have simmered down to less than 12 Quebec Liberals, with two recruits likely from the independent ranks.

This became evident when 11 Quebec Liberals made it known that they were not present at this morning's Liberal caucus when a resolution of "unbounded" confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Mackenzie King was unanimously adopted.

These included the most outspoken opponents of conscription in the House and will likely form the irreconcilable group. They were, in addition to Mr. Raymond, Jean Francois Pouliot (Temiscouata), Edouard Lacroix (Beauce), Pierre Gauthier (Portneuf), Alphonse St. Maurice-Lafiche, Charles Parent (Quebec west and south), Maurice Bourget (Levis), L. P. Lizotte (Kamouraska), Lionel Bertrand (Terrebonne), Wilfrid Lacroix (Quebec-Montmorency) and Emmanuel d'Anjou (Rimouski).

But at the caucus today were seen many of those who yesterday at a meeting of Quebec Liberals, adopted a resolution approving the resignation of Hon. P. J. A. Gaudin as Minister of Transport and Public Works, in protest over the Prime Minister's move to obtain power to impose unlimited conscription.

It was reported tonight that there was a marked change of sentiment among the dissenters and that when the vote on the Prime Minister's amendment to the National Resources Act amendment is taken, not more than 25 Quebecers would vote against it.

Report New-Type Mine, Not Gas

LONDON, May 12—(CP)—The Star published a Vichy news agency report quoting Bucharest sources today which declares that a new type of German land mine had caused the Russians erroneously to believe the Nazis had used poison gas on the eastern front.

Prime Minister Churchill has warned Germany that any use of gas warfare against Britain herself and would be repaid in kind. "That most Russian casualties in the last few days bore no trace of wounds made the Russian high command believe that poison gas had been used," the dispatch asserted.

Actually, according to it, a new type of explosive "causes a considerable amount of gas to be neutralized oxygen in the air over a radius of 300 yards."

3 Destroyers Sunk By Bombs

LONDON, May 12—(AP)—The German air force, broadening its campaign to drive the Royal Navy from the Mediterranean, dove-bombed and sank three British destroyers yesterday in the eastern Mediterranean.

Loss of the ships, the 1920-ton Kipling and the Kipling and Jackal, of 1,600 tons each, was announced today by the Admiralty which said 500 officers and men—all but 100 men of the total complement of the vessels—were rescued.

A fourth destroyer picked up the survivors, carrying out its gallant mission in sea. Today's action was splashed with blazing oil and fire with exploding bombs. Averaging the naval losses, Malta's defenders today booted to 128 their four-day total of Axis planes destroyed or damaged over the island fortress. The day's bag included five enemy fighters destroyed, one bomber and three fighters probably destroyed, four fighters and three bombers damaged.

British Beaufighters repelled a second attack, shooting down one enemy bomber. After this check the Germans returned a third time to the assault, scoring two bombs each on the Kipling and Jackal.

Freighter Is Torpedoed But Crew Is Saved

Forty-Four Land at Coves Along River; Attack Took Place Monday; Few Details Given

A ST. LAWRENCE RIVER PORT, May 12—(CP)—Forty-four survivors of the first vessel torpedoed in the St. Lawrence River were reported to The Canadian Press tonight to have drifted safely into the river's tiny fishing coves.

Forty-two survivors reached one point today and a woman and child, in another lifeboat, drifted into a second tiny fishing village.

All were survivors of a freighter sunk yesterday in the St. Lawrence. Reports here said none was missing from the submarine attack though some of the crew were injured, not seriously. All the survivors were taken to a nearby town. The injured were treated at a hospital. It was indicated they would leave for Montreal later.

OTTAWA, May 12—(CP)—First enemy naval action in Canadian inland waters was announced today by Navy Minister Macdonald, who reported the sinking of a freighter in the St. Lawrence River. Details of the action given in a statement by the Minister were meagre—the sinking occurred at an undisclosed point in the St. Lawrence on May 11 and 41 survivors have been landed. The department did not reveal whether any lives had been lost.

Sinking of the freighter brought into operation what the minister described as "long-prepared plans" for the protection of Canadian territorial waters.

Expected Attacks
Attacks on important shipping lanes in the St. Lawrence Gulf and river waters have been open long anticipated and were said by high ranking naval officers several weeks ago to be a definite possibility during the summer months. Details of the protective measures being taken are naval secrets and Mr. Macdonald said today information would be withheld on any future sinkings to prevent the enemy from obtaining valuable information.

Last week the minister confirmed reports of submarine attacks within sight of the Atlantic coast but there have been no previous reports of action in the St. Lawrence.

In the First Great War enemy submarines operated in Atlantic waters off Nova Scotia but did not succeed in launching attacks within the Gulf of St. Lawrence or the river.

Speaking in the House of Commons a few days ago Mr. Macdonald said it was known that modern type German submarines now are able to leave European bases, spend some time along Canadian or United States coasts and return to their bases without being detected.

Shipping losses "particularly in North American coastal waters" had been "very heavy" during 1942, Mr. Macdonald said at that time.

Curfew Law In Effect Now
Charlottetown's Curfew Law went into effect last night at 9:30. It was introduced by nine strokes of the fire bell at City Hall, which sent all children under sixteen scurrying for their homes. Shortly after City Police were conducting a rigid check-up about the city to see that the youth were obeying the Curfew.

About ten o'clock two boys, under the age limit, were apprehended by the police. They were found out of doors near their homes in the east end of the city and were escorted home by the police who notified the parents to keep them in. One of them said he would be 16 in July and the other gave his age as 14. City Police said last night that the observance of the law for the first night was considered "good."

The by-law establishing the Curfew was given a third reading and passed at a special meeting of the City Council held yesterday morning. His Worship Mayor B. Roy Holman presided.

Organizations which endorsed the proposed Curfew Law are: the Communications to the City Council were: The P. E. I. Ministerial Association; The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.; The Women's Missionary Society of Zion Church; The Y's Men's Club; The Y. M. C. A.; Wilder Lodge, I. O. O. F.; The Women's Missionary Society of Trinity United Church; Earl of Hillsborough Chapter, I. C. D. E.

The fire bell will continue to sound the alarm each night. It rings three times, followed by three more strokes, another pause, then three more strokes.

Big Cut In Gasoline Fu. Maritimes
Drastic Tightening Of Present Ration Quotas Appears In Prospect.
HALIFAX, May 12—(CP)—The gasoline shortage clamped down heavily on the Maritimes today as Imperial Oil Company officials announced that only 20 per cent of "normal" supplies would be available to ordinary motorists during the remainder of the month. It commented that this amount could not satisfy the demand under existing rationing conditions.

A drastic tightening of present ration quotas appeared in prospect and, although regional controller F. W. Anzand declined comment, it became known that categories in Nova Scotia were being called in for re-examination and possible reduction of the amounts allotted.

Restrictions became evident in some Nova Scotia communities during the day, perhaps brought on by a rush to stock up as motorists started of the impending curtailment. At Halifax and Sydney, drivers of pleasure cars found it difficult to buy any gasoline, and some filling stations turned them down altogether.

Most of the stations would allow the ordinary motorists only 2 1/2 gallons, taking one-half a ration ticket in exchange.

In Ottawa, a high government official said that "re-organizing" under the gasoline rationing system is being carried out in Nova Scotia and elsewhere across Canada.

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High tide this morning at 9:20 and tonight at 10:15. Sun sets this evening at 7:18 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:33. New moon, May 19, 12:45 a. m. Summer tide 15 minutes later than Charlottetown.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE
Leave Wood Islands 7 A.M., 11 A.M., 3 P.M.
Leave Caribou 9 A.M., 1 P.M., 5 P.M.