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for bad times as for good, for in
both He has a purpose for us.

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FALL OF CHERBOURG IS EXPECTED SOON

6,000 Allied Planes In Action

4 Jap Ships Sunk 10 Damaged In Battle

Nip Fleet Retires Under Cover Of Darkness
Without Coming To Grips With Yanks.

June Fur Auction Opens At Montreal

MONTREAL, June 22.—(Special to the Guardian)—The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Ltd., began their June auction of silver fox skins this afternoon. Upwards of 21,000 pelts were catalogued.

There was a good attendance of buyers present, including some from the United States and from Mexico.

At the sale's close this afternoon it was the general opinion that selected full silvers were easier and regular full silvers averaged about the same as of the last sale.

The above information was supplied by George A. Callbeck, manager of the fur marketing department, Canadian National Fur Breeders' Association, Summerside.

Strawberry Prospects Here Appear Good

The strawberry crop in this province should be much ahead of last year's yield, Mr. Gordon C. Warren, horticulturist at the Charlottetown Experimental Station said yesterday. He was asked to comment on a report from Brunswick which quoted Agriculture Minister A. C. Taylor as predicting that there would be a sharp decrease in the berry crop there (including strawberries) because of unfavorable weather.

Mr. Warren said that judged by his own experience there is a good set of fruit and the total yield should be above last year's, although there was a reduced strawberry acreage.

Enemy Threatens New "Monster Explosives"

COMING EVENTS

- *York Friday. Free Movies. 8 and 8.45 p.m. 6-22-21
- *Dance. Lorne Valley Hall, Munday, June 23rd. 6-23-21
- *Summerfield Players: Kelly's Canteen Hall, Friday evening. 6-21-21
- *Reserve Wednesday, July 5th for Loxe Creek Baptist Picnic. 6-23-21
- *Long Creek Hall Tuesday, June 27th. Refreshments. Good music. 6-23-21
- *Dance in Cornwall School, Friday, June 23rd. 3 piece orchestra. Admission 25 cents. 6-22-21
- *Talkies—Mt. Stewart Saturday. Shows 8 and 10 P. M. 6-22-21
- *Dance in Town Hall, Georgetown, Friday, June 23rd. Webster's Orchestra. 6-22-21
- *A Missionary Rally will be held in Wiltshire Church, July 6th. 6-24-21
- *Fanny Sale and Roasted Powl at Holman's Saturday, June 24th by South Milton W. L. 6-23-21
- *Murray Harbor South. Sat. 8 and 8 p.m. National Film Board Free Movies. (Date changed from Wednesday). 6-22-21
- *Notice—I will only be crushing grain on Tuesday and Friday of this week until further notice. Regh Bagnall. 6-22-21
- *Murray Harbor Shipping Club loading Regh Monday afternoon, June 26th from 1 till 4 P. M. D. Ray Brooks, Secretary. 6-23-21
- *Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at the following shipping points during week of June 24th. Monday, Souris, St. Peter's, Montague, Cardigan, Murray Harbor, Uigg. Tuesday forenoon, until train time: Charlottetown, North Wiltshire, Hunter River, Kensington and Albany. Clubs west of Summerside loading usual day and hours. Trucking service in connection with all findings, contact our local agent. 6-23-21

Biggest Blows Since Liberation Of France Began

War Situation Last Night

By Elton C. Fay, Associated Press War Analyst
(Substituting for Kirke L. Simpson)

A blind spot in the perspective of the German General staff appears to have helped pave the way for the mighty Allied attack on Cherbourg from the land and air.

The Nazi staff apparently failed to see the menace in the Allied development of the technique of amphibious warfare, first evidenced on a massive scale in the north African landings Nov. 7, 1942.

The great weight of defenses on the Atlantic coast of Europe appear to have been concentrated directly at the harbor mouths of the great ports although this is not to say that the hundreds of miles of beaches were or are without their own formidable fortifications. It suggests the land-minded German General Staff was convinced the major Allied bid for the capture of Cherbourg would be made from the seaward side.

Tending to confirm this theory was a report from Supreme Headquarters of the Allied expeditionary force that the German's own highest command believed the capture of Cherbourg would be made from the seaward side and could not be trained to fire inland from their shielded hilltop emplacements.

It is unbelievable that the German staff's plans called for a quick withdrawal to Cherbourg, leaving the whole band of the Peninsula in the hands of the opposition.

It is reasonable to believe, on the basis of all previous military operations, that the enemy general staff must have included general counter-attack on the beachhead in its strategic pattern. But the counter-attack had failed to develop until the hour that American troops and Allied aviation began operations at Cherbourg's fortifications.

So far as is known, the Germans have exhibited no immediate intention of gathering big reserves for movement toward Normandy. This may indicate that the Germans still prefer to wait for expected additional landings, perhaps at distant points, perhaps close by in operations that would endanger the hearts of the Nazi army attempting to contain the Allied forces on the Peninsula.

Allies Open Final Drive On Big Port

Pte. W. A. McMillan Killed In Action

Mrs. Betty McMillan, 29 Alvey St., received the sad news on Monday evening that her husband, Pte. Wilbert Anthony McMillan, was killed in action on June 11th.

Pte. McMillan enlisted at the outbreak of the war with the P. E. I. Highlanders and was later transferred to the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, and has been serving overseas for the past two years.

He leaves to mourn his wife (nee Betty Gillespie of French River) his father, William McMillan of Mt. Stewart and three brothers, and three sisters.

Rotary Convention Opened Yesterday

SACKVILLE, N. B. June 22.—(CP)—The annual convention of district 192, rotary international, opened today at Mount Allison University with 145 rotarians and 65 Rotary Anns present from 30 clubs in the Maritimes, Maine and Newfoundland.

International friendship formed the keynote of today's sessions. The district governor, Norman T. Aard, announced that a rotary should be thought through before being fought through. A friendly community to a friendly state, a united nation and then to wider friendship beyond national borders.

The convention opened with invocation by Rev. Leo Davies.

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Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, June 22.—(CP)—United States troops today launched the final, massive assault on Cherbourg from the south under terrific, perfectly-timed aerial and artillery barrages. It was the greatest onslaught against the German stronghold since the Allies invaded France June 6th.

ENCIRCLEMENT ALMOST COMPLETE

"Encirclement of the fortress of Cherbourg is now almost complete," Supreme Headquarters announced at midnight tonight.

While the inevitable Cherbourg denouement thus approached, the British and Canadian forces on the eastern flank of the Normandy front continued to engage the German armor in a battle from which it could not extricate itself to counter-attack elsewhere.

HEAVY FIGHTING

The battle lines swayed to the give and take of blows, with no appreciable change in positions. Fighting was on a heavy scale around Hottot, southwest of Tilly Sur Seules.

With Canadians generally inactive in the Caen area, it was disclosed today that four battalions, the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the Regina Rifles, the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto and the North Shore New Brunswick Regiment, were in the initial Canadian striking force on D-Day.

In all, it was announced, 14 Canadian battalions fought during the battle from D-day June 6, to June 14.

But it was the battle for Cherbourg which continued the centre of attention on the 16th day of the Allied invasion of France.

As a vital prelude to the main attack the Americans thrust northward on both sides of Cherbourg and cut the coast roads thus slicing into three segments the remaining German footholds on the north fringe of the Cherbourg Peninsula. The bulk of an estimated 50,000 German troops and workers was believed to be in embattled Cherbourg, but for none of the three groups was there any possibility of escape.

Meanwhile the German predicament of hesitation to hurl in strategic reserves for fear the Allies would strike elsewhere was underscored in a new headquarters broadcast to the fishermen of France, Belgium, Norway not to put to sea before June 29. This extended to three weeks the period in which the Allies would have to stay ashore lest they hamper Allied operations and die.

Hay Prospects In Province

The hay crop in this province will probably be better this year than has been for some time, Mr. S. C. Wright, fieldman with the Provincial Department of Agriculture said yesterday. The clover crop in particular will probably yield a higher tonnage than it has for the past few years.

Last year the hay crop in the central and eastern sections of the province was average but production was down in Prince County where a hay shortage developed during the late winter.

Mr. Wright said that judged by present prospects nearly all Island crops should yield well this year.

P. E. I. Men Home From Service Overseas

HALIFAX, June 22.—(CP)—Bearing about 500 patients, the Canadian hospital ship, the *Neoson*, arrived today with casualties from the Mediterranean battle-groups, the say was said the training plans of Britain.

No casualties from the new front in France were aboard the former hospital ship, which was returning to Sicily and Italy, along with military returning from Britain because of accidents, illness or lowered category, plus a scattering of members of the R. C. A. F.

A few hours after the white-painted vessel had docked, the casualties had been transported to hospital trains, which left for the interior of the Dominion.

Among the battle-wounded men the bulk of them sent to have surgery lighting around Ortona, and they said reluctant but sincere tributes to the deadliness of the German mortar and heavy artillery fire that had put many of them out.

Several Prince Edward Island men were included in the group.

Other Islanders were: Pte. J. S. Arsenault, Pownal, Pte. J. Campbell, Pte. L. Donohue, Pte. P. A. Gallant, Pte. L. Herrington, Sgt. J. W. Kirby, Hometown (unavailable).

National Trust Head Joins Bracken Party

TORONTO, June 22.—(CP)—J. W. Macdonnell, of Toronto, who resigned earlier this week as president of the National Trust Company, will devote his full time to "public affairs" with the Progressive Conservative Party, Hon. John Bracken, the party's national leader, announced today.

In an accompanying statement, Mr. Macdonnell said "I propose seeking to enter Parliament at the next general election."

Mr. Bracken said that in giving up his business interests Mr. Macdonnell was making a "great personal sacrifice."

The people of Canada are fortunate that men of his qualities of mind and heart are making at this time of crisis to make their services available to the nation.

Final Session of Hospital Association

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 22.—(CP)—Dr. R. J. Collins, general superintendent of the Saint John Tuberculosis Hospital, was elected President of the Maritime Hospital Association today at its final formal session of a three day convention.

Dr. Collins will also act as chairman for New Brunswick. Other officers elected were: first vice president and chairman for Nova Scotia, Mother M. Ignatius, Antigonish; second vice president and chairman for Prince Edward Island, Dr. J. H. Clark, Charlottetown; secretary, Mrs. H. W. Porter, Kentville; treasurer, Sister Ann, St. Joseph's Hospital, Antigonish.

Among adopted resolutions was one which authorized a study of the shortage of hospital personnel, to be made by a joint body of nursing and hospital groups, another stressed the urgent need of a hospital survey across Canada to make clear what use the hospitals could make of surplus government stocks available after the war.

The convention also resolved to seek government loans for their post war plans; to make a membership rate of \$100 for government hospitals which are treating special diseases; to endorse the principle of women's hospital aid members assisting in hospitals; to campaign for the further education of the public in the aims and objects of hospital service; by means of press, radio and public speakers; and to investigate the possibility of establishing more nurses aides and volunteer nurses during the present shortage.

Institute Convention Concluded Yesterday

"I do not intend at the present time to make any statement for or against the Prohibition Act," said Attorney-General Frederick O. Lewis in a brief address yesterday afternoon in Prince of Wales College Hall, before the delegates of the P. E. Island Women's Institute. The Prohibition Act, continued the Attorney-General, is only one of many laws, but it is my sworn duty as Attorney-General to enforce them all and that I intend to do. I may say, however, that since I took over my new duties on May 8th of this year, I have been approached by several delegations and by individuals as well, whose object was to have me do something contrary to the provisions of the Prohibition Act. But no delegation or no individual has ever called on me since taking over my new duties to assure me of my intention to enforce the law.

The Attorney-General also informed the delegates that the Australian journalists, who recently visited Charlottetown had told him that compulsory voting had prac-

Alberta Election In Aug. Rumored

EDMONTON, June 22.—(CP)—The Edmonton Journal in a newspaper story today said: "Political circles here were stirred today by a strong rumor that a provincial general election will be called, possibly in August. The newspaper said 'dates mentioned are Aug. 17 or 24.'"

Tells Part North Novas Played In Invasion

Writing from the front in Normandy Canadian Press war correspondent Ross Munro, describing the part the various Canadian units in action in Normandy played in the establishment of the beachhead on June 6, 1944, said that the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, the unit with which many Prince Edward Islanders are serving.

The best landing beach was at Bernieres and Maj. Gen. R. F. L. Keller of Kelowna, B. C., the Canadian Commander, committed his divisional reserves thereabouts, first sending in the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and tanks of Les Fusiliers De Sherbrooke from Sherbrooke, Que.

The Highlanders rode forward on the Fusiliers' tanks and on bicycles. Passing through the Queen's Own and the New Brunswick Highlanders (which landed earlier) the North Nova Scotians carried the attack deep inland. They found resistance stiff at several points but went on and were nearly at the outskirts of Caen before they were stopped by German tanks.

The Sherbrookes and the Nova Scotians fought a savage battle at Authie, three miles northwest of Caen, when German tanks hit them a hard blow.

Liberal Member Bolts Party

OTTAWA, June 22.—(CP)—Liberal strength in the Commons was reduced by two today as a result of the appointment of a member to the Quebec Provincial Cabinet and of the bolting of another from the ranks.

Emmanuel d'Anjou, liberal member of the Commons for Rimouski, crossed the floor and joined the bloc populaire party. He was in his new seat when speaker J. A. Glen announced that Maurice Gingues, Liberal member for Sherbrooke, had resigned.

Appointment of Mr. Gingues as a member of the Quebec Cabinet was announced in Quebec last night by Premier Godbout.

Bloc Populaire now has a following of five.

As a result of the changes, the Commons standing now is as follows:—

Liberals 166; Prog. Con. 29; C. P. 10; Social Credit 18; Others 14; Vacant four.

Airman Reports Naval Battle

LONDON, June 22.—(CP)—An American airman reported he saw a naval engagement in the channel tonight, possibly indicating the Germans are trying to evacuate some of the trapped Cherbourg troops by sea.

"Two fleets of warships were going at it hammer and tongs," said Sgt. Robert A. Abraham, Chicago, tall gunner on a heavy bomber. "It looked as though one fleet had cornered the other."

Super Fortresses Have Sealed Cabins

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(AP)—New B-29 super-fortresses which bombed Japan last week are the first military planes in the world with pressurized cabins, the war department disclosed. Special chargers keep the air pressure inside the planes at nearly normal even when they are flying in the thin air of extremely high altitudes.

High tide this afternoon at 1.06 and tomorrow morning at 2.36. Sun sets this evening at 8.30 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.14. First quarter moon due 28, 2.27 A. M. Summer side tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a. m.
12.00 noon, 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m.
5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p. m.

F. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE
DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS

Leave Wood Islands—7.00 A. M.
11.00 A. M. 3.00 P. M.
Leaves Carbone—3.00 A. M. 1.00 P. M. 5.00 P. M.
During May and June the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11.00 A. M. and 1.00 P. M. sailings will be cancelled, save.

Savage Fighting In Finland As Soviets Advance

LONDON, June 22.—(AP)—Russian troops killed more than 2,700 Finnish soldiers today in savage fighting on three fronts, Moscow announced tonight, as mighty Red armies rolled up new gains through Finland's broken defence lines.

With Finland's position becoming more precarious daily, German commentators talked more than usual tonight about the probability of even more extensive battles on the eastern front.

A D. N. B. commentator declared: "Berlin military circles assume that the agreement between the Soviet Union and the Allies provides for the Soviet offensive to begin simultaneously with the second phase of the invasion."

Seek To Keep Finland In War

STOCKHOLM, June 22.—(AP)—The German Minister in Helsinki was reported today to be bringing pressure upon Finland to remain in the war against Russia, stating that German troops would refuse to leave Finnish territory in event of a Russian-Finnish peace.

This report was carried by the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet. (Aftonbladet is described by the political handbook of the world as non-Partisan, with Nazi tendencies.)

Stimson Praises British and Canadian Troops

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(CP)—The work of British and Canadian forces in driving back German counter-attacks and launching ground-gaining attacks of their own in the Normandy beachhead was praised today by United States war secretary Henry Stimson and he said the work of these forces had allowed American troops to advance on Cherbourg.

American troops closing in on Cherbourg were able to sweep over the neck of the peninsula and turn the weight of their power against the port, Stimson told a news conference, because German counter-attacks against them were prevented by British and Canadian forces hammering at the enemy around the vital hub of Caen.

A notable aspect of the Normandy operations has been the failure of the Germans to throw in reserves in sufficient mass to constitute a major counter-offensive, he said.

The Nazis have amassed a sizeable army, but in such fashion that newly arriving divisions had to be committed to battle piecemeal to contain the Allied pressure.

A quick rehabilitation of the great port of Cherbourg to swivel the flow of supplies to Allied invasion forces was forecast by the war secretary.

BLOSSOM FLOUR
OF CANADA

Assures BAKING SUCCESS

