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AIR WAR AGAINST REICH AT NEW HIGH

Goch Menaced By Canadian Advance

By DOUGLAS AMARON
WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN GERMANY, Feb. 14 — (CP Cable) — Goch, centre of a maze of roads and hub of a strong defence perimeter, was endangered tonight by the unrelenting advance of the 1st Canadian Army's bayonets and guns and the merciless support of tactical warplanes that combined with massed guns to shatter the six counter-attacks that made today the toughest yet for Gen. Crerar's six-day-old offensive.

69 Immigrants Came To P. E. Island During 1944

Total For Dominion Was 12,801; Was 50 Per Cent Increase Over Previous Year

Churchill Party Reaches Athens

ATHENS, Feb. 14 — (Reuters) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Foreign Secretary Eden and Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Mediterranean commander, have arrived here. Breaking his journey home from the Crimea conference, the Prime Minister addressed a crowd of 2,000 persons in Constitution Square, overlooking the tomb of Greece's unknown soldier. Members of the Churchill party, the British ambassador to Greece, the entire Greek cabinet and Archbishop Damaskinos, the regent of Greece, were present. Soldiers and citizens of Athens (Continued on page 7, Col. 8)

Coming Events

- *Loading dressed hogs and sows Friday. McGuigan & Boyle. 2-13-45.
- *Pressed hay is wanted immediately. Phone 27-22. Knud Jorgensen, Fredericton. 2-13-45.
- *Buying live and dressed pork. Paying top market prices. L. Lano Co. Storage Ltd. 11-17-45.
- *Brookfield vs. Winsloe at Milton rink tonight game starts 8:30. State after. 1-23-45.
- *Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlyn Divine, Pease. 1-23-45.
- *George Matheson loading hogs at Hunter River Monday afternoon and Tuesday until train time. New prices offered. Enquire of agent or Leonard Craswell, Livestock Marketing Board. 2-13-45.
- *Loading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd. every Monday until further notice, Souris, George Dingwall. 1-23-20-45.
- *Loading hogs at Fredericton, Friday, February 16th until 11:30. Also at Colville until noon. Leslie MacDowell. 1-23-45.
- *Notice — Loading hogs at Albany, Thursday, February 15, from noon until 4 o'clock Friday, American until 11:30. G. C. Green and A. C. Green. 1-23-45.
- *Oliver Campbell loading hogs at Summerside Tuesday, February 14th, until 2 p.m. and at Kensington until 3 p.m. If day stormy will follow following fine day. Enquire about new prices now being paid at all shipping points. Livestock Marketing Board. 2-13-45.
- *Notice: The Annual Meeting of Tron Farmers Institute will be held in Tron Hall on Saturday, February 17th at 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. 2-13-45.
- *Loading Hogs Thursday afternoon and Friday forenoon this week at our stockpens Charlottetown. Don't miss new prices we are paying. Livestock Marketing Board. 2-13-45.
- *Better Hog Prices: Since, and including week of February 8th, we have been paying new and higher prices for the top grades of hogs and will continue to do so until further notice. It pays to produce the best, and ship through the Livestock Marketing Board. 2-13-45.
- *Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at the following stations during week of February 15th: Monday—Souris, St. Felix, Morville, Melville, Uxg, Millville, Charlottetown, Montague, Gardigan, St. John's, Tuesday forenoon until train time — Tracadie, York, Charlottetown, Summerside, Hunter River, Summerside, Summerside until two o'clock, Kensington and Albany until three p.m. West of Summerside sw prices (for the better) being paid at all stations. Ask agent in locality. 2-13-45.

Council Asks For Change In Ice Deliveries

At a special meeting last night the City Council passed a resolution requesting the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, in the interest of a wider distribution of ice for the coming summer, to allow the ice-dealers to change their usual four 25 pound deliveries weekly, to two or three 50 pound deliveries. Mayor J. E. Blanchard presided at the meeting with all Councilors but Couns. A. T. McKinnon and P. C. Dougan present. Mr. Erven Nicholson, regional representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and Messrs. W. J. Drake and Oliver Gallant, ice dealers, were also present. Coun. P. G. Gay explained that he, with Councilors W. R. LePage and J. T. McKee, had interviewed the ice men and had decided last summer's scarcity of ice would be continued this year unless some means were found to expand the ice supply. He said two local dealers did not have (Continued on page 9, Col. 8)

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8,000 Planes Hit Germany On Wednesday

Indications Are That Heavy Blows Being Continued Today.
LONDON, Feb. 15 — (Thursday) — (AP) — Reports from Stockholm said a Berlin air raid alarm interrupted telephone communications between the Nazi capital and Scandinavia last night and the German radio warning system indicated that Allied bombers were over three sections of the Reich. The night attacks would carry the air campaign into a second consecutive day. In the 24-hour period which ended last night, approximately 8,000 planes, of which more than 2,000 were heavy bombers, spread destruction throughout Germany. They blasted at least 10 industrial centres and delivered a tremendous blow to Dresden, eastern gateway to the heart of Germany, which the German "Luftung" warning system indicated was under attack again last night. Yesterday's round-the-clock attack of explosives were rained on the greatest of the war, was aimed at the vital communications and fuel targets of Dresden, Chemnitz, Magdeburg and Bohlen all south of Berlin and within 120 miles of the Nazi capital—and at Nuernberg, Bonn, Dortmund and Vienna and Maribor in Yugoslavia. The Dresden attack was in direct and co-ordinated support of Russian troops advancing westward through Silesia. In a 12-hour period some 4,000 tons of explosives were rained on Dresden by British, Canadian and United States planes. It was suggested unofficially in London that the Dresden attack was in direct and co-ordinated support of Russian troops advancing westward through Silesia. Four hundred and forty-eight of the big Canadian Army group returned on rotation leave — the second such quota from north-western Europe to the United Kingdom. The initial lot arrived in Canada just before Christmas. The remainder are back for numerous reasons. Some journeyed back on duty, on exchange and on medical leave, others were sent home for medical purposes. Some were under the "irrigation" scheme, which provides leave at home and port nearby after a soldier has suffered three wounds. Several Nursing Sisters and Auxiliary Services supervisors and a Canadian Women's Army Corps officer were among the Canadian arrivals. A small group of British, American and other ranks, another detachment of the Corps of Canadian firefighters and a South African Nursing Sister also were among those arriving. Members of the R. C. A. F. Women's Division also disembarked. Passengers reported a rough voyage but otherwise, they said. (Continued on page 9, Col. 5)

Island Soldiers Back In Canada

(By The Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, Feb. 14 — The following Prince Edward Island soldiers have arrived back in Canada after service overseas, it was announced by Military District No. 6 tonight. Medical walking cases: Pte. E. J. Brown, Bloomfield; Pte. Chapman, 178 Sydney St., Charlottetown; Pte. J. E. McNeill, Summerside; Pte. M. J. McPherson, East Souris. Returned for duty and other reasons: Pte. C. G. Affleck, Summerside. Rotating leave: Pte. A. Arsenault, Wellington.

Starvation In Occupied Holland

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 — (CP) — Under the heading "starvation" notes from German-occupied Holland, the Netherlands Information Bureau today said one single boiled potato, without salt, is now being sold for 40 cents in the black market of the larger cities. The salt costs another 10 cents. A one-pound loaf of bread costs \$4 and a quart of milk \$3.50.

Says Canadian Army Principally British

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 — (AP) — Gen. Horace Sewell, military writer for the British Information Services in New York, says in his daily commentary that "the troops serving with the 1st Canadian Army are reported to be 3-4 British and 1-4 Canadian."

German Report U-Boats Succeeds

LONDON, Feb. 14 — (AP) — The German communiqué said today that U-boats equipped with air masts had sunk eight ships totaling 51,000 tons in waters near the British coast and on "the sever seas."

News Briefs

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 — (CP) — Immigration to Canada increased by more than 50 per cent during 1944, with most of the immigrants being of British origin and destined for settlement in Ontario, the Resources Department disclosed today. The immigrants numbered 12,801 last year compared with 8,504 in 1943. Of the total 5,361 were destined for settlement in Ontario; 2,969 in Quebec; 2,663 in British Columbia; 602 in New Brunswick; 598 in Alberta; 493 in Manitoba; 423 in Saskatchewan; 69 in Prince Edward Island; six in Yukon Territory, and two in the Northwest Territories. The new arrivals included 2,301 adult males, 6,233 adult females and 4,187 children under 18. A total of 809 belonged to the farming class; 902 to the laboring class; 779 to the mechanics class, 926 to the trading class, 74 to the mining class, 431 to the female domestic servants class and 9,180 to a variety of other classes. This is how the main immigration figures compared with those of 1943: English ... 1943 1944 6,337 6,337 Irish ... 312 586 Scotch ... 324 707 Welsh ... 47 83 United States ... 4,401 4,509 Northern European Races ... 176 352 Other Races ... 93 227 Total ... 8,504 12,801

Bank Teller Cuts Bandit's Loot

(By The Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Feb. 14 — A quick-witted bank teller of the Laurier and Papineau Avenue branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale today prevented the theft of more than \$5,000 when held up at gunpoint. The bandit's loot was \$500. Teller F. Beaudoin said that a middle-aged man entered the bank and demanded the money in the vault. The teller claimed that he had only \$1 bills, which he gave the bandit who fled with two bundles of small denominations.

W. I. B. Officer Goes with Time Magazine

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 — (CP) — Maj. Norton Anderson, Winnipeg, former chief army public relations officer at Defence Headquarters, is transferring to the Wartime Information Board as chief press officer succeeding R. A. (Dick) Draper in Toronto and London. One who is going to Time Magazine in New York, it was learned today.

Expect Roosevelt To Visit Pope Pius

PARIS, Feb. 14 — (AP) — President Roosevelt is expected to visit Italy and call on Pope Pius, and perhaps come to France during his current visit abroad, it was reported reliably today. Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, a special adviser to the president, left by a special plane today for Italy and is expected to confer with his chief there. The president is expected to inspect war ruins in Italy and return to various spots he visited in that country as a young man. It is quite conceivable that after a stay in Italy Mr. Roosevelt will come to France, where arrangements to receive him have been made both by the French Government and by Allied Supreme Headquarters.

N. S. Legislature Opened Yesterday

HALIFAX, Feb. 14 — (CP) — The record of Nova Scotia is "equal to any Province if not surpassing it" in the Dominion, M. A. Patterson, (L-Osipe Erection West) declared today in moving the address in reply to the speech from the Throne at the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature. Mr. Patterson declared the record of the Liberal Government was "very unique indeed." Since he came to the house in 1941, he said, he had "never been a division in this Government on policies."

Large Group Of Soldiers Home From Overseas

(By The Canadian Press)
Many hundreds of Canadian fighting men, one of the largest contingents to return from the battlefronts in this war—have come back to Canada after service in the European theatre. Some of them veterans of 63 months overseas, about 1,300 men of the Dominion Army, were in the massive movement, which also brought British and Canadian naval personnel, sky warriors of the R. C. A. F. and some 500 wives and children of Canadian and British servicemen. Four hundred and forty-eight of the big Canadian Army group returned on rotation leave — the second such quota from north-western Europe to the United Kingdom. The initial lot arrived in Canada just before Christmas. The remainder are back for numerous reasons. Some journeyed back on duty, on exchange and on medical leave, others were sent home for medical purposes. Some were under the "irrigation" scheme, which provides leave at home and port nearby after a soldier has suffered three wounds. Several Nursing Sisters and Auxiliary Services supervisors and a Canadian Women's Army Corps officer were among the Canadian arrivals. A small group of British, American and other ranks, another detachment of the Corps of Canadian firefighters and a South African Nursing Sister also were among those arriving. Members of the R. C. A. F. Women's Division also disembarked. Passengers reported a rough voyage but otherwise, they said. (Continued on page 9, Col. 5)

Retired Boston Merchant Dies

MALDEN, MASS., Feb. 14 — (CP) — Donald B. Wyman, 64, retired Boston realtor and native of Yarmouth, N.S., died here Saturday. He was a grandson of the late James Olive, first Mayor of Saint John, N.B. Mr. Wyman retired five years ago as head of the coffee and tea department of the S.S. Pierce Company of Boston. He made his home in Medford for 32 years before moving his residence to Malden. Besides his wife, Mrs. Louise C. Wyman, he leaves two brothers, Murray C. of Arlington and Frank C. of Saint John, three sisters, Mrs. Alfred C. Wells and Mrs. Robert P. Bussell of Lexington, and Mrs. Maud M. Smith of Saint John.

Convicted Spies Sentenced To Death

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 — (AP) — William Curtis Colepaugh, an American whom the prosecution called "a double-crossing traitor," and Erich Gimpel, his German accomplice, were convicted today as Nazi spies and sentenced to die by hanging. Without displaying emotion, Gimpel—and then Colepaugh—stood before a seven-man military commission and heard Col. Clinton J. Harrod, its president, say: "This commission, by a secret written ballot, finds you guilty upon all three counts, and you are hereby sentenced to be hanged by the neck until dead." Colepaugh and Gimpel then were led by their guards from the courtroom and taken back to the 188-year-old Castle Williams, Governors Island guard house. The verdict meant that the 26-year-old Colepaugh, a native of Niantic, Conn., had tried in vain to throw off the traitor label. He had fled to Berlin a year ago to join the German Army and was made an agent against his wishes. He said he became disillusioned with conditions in Germany and saw in the assignment an opportunity to get away. The closely-ensured communications of the closed trial indicated that he finally approached the Federal Bureau of Investigation—nearly a month after their landing in New York on Feb. 26 off Hancock, Md., and "turned in" Gimpel, Gimpel, 35, was described by Colepaugh as an important person in army security headquarters in Berlin.

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Red Drive Aided By Air Blows From West

LONDON, Feb. 14 — (AP) — The Russian 1st Ukraine Army seized seven German city-strengthholds in Silesia today as it bludgeoned its way towards Berlin and Dresden on the German front. Canadian and American bombers that smashed Dresden, Chemnitz and other centres ahead of the Soviet advance. In Pomerania the 1st White Russian Army liquidated the 100,000 town including surrounding 15 miles behind the lines, killing more than 7,000 Germans and capturing 6,000 after a two-week siege. In Budapest, which fell yesterday, the Russians picked up another 12,000 prisoners, mostly abandoned wounded, raising the list of captured in that one city to nearly 123,000. The day's successes, announced in two orders of the day by Premier Stalin and the regular nightly Moscow communiqué also credited the 1st Ukrainian Army of Marshal Ivan S. Konev with bagging 2,100 prisoners and taking more than 200 population centres in Silesia. 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