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ITALIANS WILT IN NORTH, WEST SICILY

Russians Advance To Within Nine Miles Of Orel

Strong Defences North Of City Are Overcome

Very Heavy Fighting Continues On Russian Front.

LONDON, July 22—(CP)—Russian armies engulfing Orel's defences have wiped out a strongly-fortified belt north of the city in a 10-day offensive that has cost the Germans more than 50,000 killed and 8,000 captured, Moscow announced tonight.

With Russian units fighting less than nine miles from Orel on the northeast and within 11 miles in the east, a special communique said, Bolshoy, 35 miles north of the city, had fallen to the Red Army. Bolshoy already had been bypassed by Red Army units racing to take Orel from the rear. The seizure of the strongpoint, Moscow said, finished the liquidation of strongly fortified districts of the enemy north of Orel.

Provincial Premiers To Give Evidence On Postwar Plans

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—The House of Commons reconstruction committee recommended in a report tabled today that it be allowed to sit during any adjournment by the House.

The report, presented by chairman J. G. Turgeon (Lib., Carleton Place), said 30 meetings had been held and 80 witnesses heard.

The report said further hearings were considered desirable.

Mr. Turgeon told the Canadian Press that the committee will give evidence before it during the summer, to provide detail on the economic requirements of each province to deal with post-war reconstruction.

Fish Famine In Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, July 22—(CP)—Fletcher Smith, member of a fish co-operating firm here, said in an interview today that a critical shortage of fish exists in Nova Scotia, caused by scarcity of labor and enlistments in the armed forces.

He said demand for fish, plus 25 per cent necessary shipments overseas (made effective by an order-in-council several weeks ago) has "bumped up" against a labor shortage in the industry which cannot possibly meet the required allotments.

Famous One-Armed Pilot Is Missing

LONDON, July 22—(C Cable)—Squad Leader J. A. F. MacLachlan, D. S.O., D. F. C., and Bar, famous one-armed R. A. F. pilot is missing, it was disclosed today.

Three weeks ago it was announced that the pilot had "bumped up" against the Paris area and shot down six enemy aircraft in 10 minutes.

MacLachlan recently returned from the United States where he had been on special duties. He lost his left arm in air combat over Malta in 1940.

Italian Prisoners Coming To Canada?

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—Official circles here today declined to comment on the possibility of prisoners of war from North Africa being brought to Canada.

When told of a Washington dispatch about preparations to receive in the United States large numbers of the 267,000 prisoners held by the Allies in North Africa, responsible officials here said there was no change in the Canadian policy—to make no reference to the movement of prisoners of war or internees.

COMING EVENTS

- "Dance tonight in Meadowbank 7-23-11.
- "Talkies Canoe Cove Friday, 7-23-11.
- "Talkies Mt. Stewart, Saturday, 7-23-11.
- "Liquorist Players in Cardigan Hall, Friday, July 23rd, 7-20-41.
- "Ice Cream Social and Dance, Corran Bann Hall, Wednesday evening, July 28th, 7-23-24-27.
- "Dance, McLean's Potatoes Warehouse, Souris, July 28th, 7-23-41.
- "Orchestras, for Souris Hospital, 7-23-41.

Pastor Honored By Trinity Congregation



Rev. Hugh Miller D.D.

Last evening in the Heartz Memorial Hall at 8:30 after the regular mid-week service of prayer and meditation, a large number of the members of Trinity United Church gathered to honour Rev. Hugh Miller, M.A., D.D., and Mrs. Miller who are completing a pastorate of nine years next Sunday.

The chair was taken by Mr. John MacNair, chairman of the Committee of Stewards, who called to seats on the platform His Honour Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage, Mr. W. H. Smith, and Mr. Warren Lord. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "The Church's One Foundation" and prayer by W. H. Smith.

The Rev. Mr. Miller then asked His Honour Governor LePage to read the address to Dr. Miller, who came to the platform. After the reading of the address, Mr. W. H. Smith said:

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U.S. Organized Labor Demands

WASHINGTON, July 22—(AP)—Organized labor in the United States served notice today it will demand the removal of price administrator Prentiss Brown and scrapping of the "little steel" wage formula. It also demanded that minimum prices be raised to the level of 15, 1942 level as stipulated by congress and the administration.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and Philip Murray, head of the congress of industrial organizations, joined in the statement today after a meeting with President Roosevelt and the combined war board.

Green said the threat to seek Brown's removal was made to the President but that the labor leaders did emphasize to Mr. Roosevelt that unless prices are reduced the steel industry will be forced to raise prices to the level of 1942 level as stipulated by congress and the administration.

Green said Brown and other price stabilization agencies had failed to check rising prices with the result that wages "are practically frozen and prices are soaring."

CLAMP DOWN ON ESSENCE

HALIFAX, July 22—(AP)—A large number of local retail merchants have been forbidden to sell essence of lemon or keep it in stock, liquor inspector E. S. Tracey said today.

In addition, a beverage bottling firm has been warned to curtail its practice of putting the essence in second-hand bottles and selling it indiscriminately, he stated.

Big Angus Shops To Be Closed For Week

MONTREAL, July 22—(CP)—The big Canadian Pacific east side Angus shops here will be closed tomorrow for perhaps a week's holiday as steps are taken to settle a strike that originally involved 1,800 laborers demanding a 50-cent hour and a week's holiday with pay.

The strikers have been joined by an unknown number of other shop workers whose union affiliations have not been clarified.

H. B. Bowen, Chief of Motive Power and Rolling Stock for the company, announced the closing of the big plant which has many war contracts and said the step was taken with the approval of the shop committee on which are representatives of trades affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Commenting on the closing of the plant, Mr. Bowen said: "A recent ruling of the War Labor Board in Ottawa providing for one week's holidays with pay for all Federated trades employees, has been taken into consideration by the company and the Union representatives. Under normal conditions it would be necessary to close Angus shops for a week in order to meet the Board's ruling, and consequently employees entitled to holidays will take them at the present time."

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The deadly Allied trap developing in Sicily is ominous enough for the Axis, but Hitler is threatened with an even greater disaster in Central Russia, where Red Armies are tightening a noose about Orel.

With the indicated early fall of that vital link between the south and central German fronts in Russia, the whole line from Vitebsk in the north to Taganrog in the south would begin to buckle. The collapse of the Orel redoubt would expose the Bryansk pivot to the same triple attack technique that has all but snipped a quarter million enemy troops in the Orel train.

And with Bryansk tottering or even closely invested the whole line south of the Lovat and east of the Dnieper must begin to totter. Hitler is that close to his greatest defeat, and his most risky retreat at the very moment that the southern walls of his European fortress are starting to crumble in Sicily.

Current reports from Moscow place Russian forces only five miles north of the double rail link connecting Bryansk and Orel at a point about mid-way between those twin bastions of the German front. Russian heavy guns have certainly had that supply line of the Orel salient under devastating fire for several days. The advance down the Volchok River Valley from the crest of the Oka watershed has brought Red troops and through it pass the rail routes between Bryansk and Orel. Heavy air bombing of Kerachev to supplement the ground attack is reported.

Southwest of Orel, on the upper perimeter of the Kursk bulge which the Nazis deem a deadly, other red legions are forging slowly northeastward, obviously aimed at a junction with comrades driving down on Kerachev to snap the Orel trap. They are also driving south rail outlets from Orel to Kursk. Formerly these outlets formed the German front line feeder system.

It has lost that value now. The Orel garrison has no adequate road or rail supply line which is not threatened during a Russian offensive, the direct frontal push in the centre is obviously a holding operation. It is designed to pin the Orel garrison to its apex defences while the north soviet side of the trap close in behind it. That was what the Stalingrad tactic to make it the greatest German disaster of the war to date.

Plan Best Ferry For P.E.I. - N.B. Service

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—The "best and most modern ferry" that can be designed for use in tidal waters will be built to carry traffic between Prince Edward Island and the Nova Scotia mainland, Transport Minister Michael said in the Commons tonight.

Some of the best marine experts in the country have been engaged and studies have been made of ferries operating elsewhere in North America. A preliminary design has been prepared.

The Minister was speaking to the item in the estimates for operation of the ferry service and in reply to John R. MacNicol (Prog. Con. Toronto-Davenport), who said Prince Edward Island had not had fair play in transportation facilities.

"I must assure my friend that everything possible is being done to meet the problem he has at heart," said Mr. Michael.

The loss of the ferry "Charlottetown" had been accidental and the service now is being provided by the ferry "Prince Edward Island," which will be replaced by a new ship which will be built to the standard of the new ship in Canada.

Mr. MacNicol said the new ship should be equipped for the rapid loading and unloading of motor cars to facilitate motor travel to the island which was one of the most attractive spots for tourists.

Allied military observers here warned against any optimistic deductions that the Nazis intend as "scant" chance today they see a possibility of a substantial part of Central Europe.

They said the bitterest fighting must be anticipated, expressing the conviction that the Nazis will let all Europe become a shambles before ending the battle.

Publisher Shot

CLEVELAND, July 22—(AP)—John S. McCarron, 74 general manager of the Cleveland Plain Dealer and President of the Forest City Publishing Company, today was shot and wounded critically by an assailant who then put a pistol to his head and killed himself.

Detective Inspector Frank W. Story identified the gunman as Herbert, easily-forebore, 55-year-old Hungarian-born Cleveland resident who had been working with German and Hungarian language newspapers here.

Probe of Erg Sinking Is Continued

SAINT JOHN, N.B., July 22—(CP)—Members of the crew of the Norwegian freighter which sank the night of July 6 in Bedford Basin, N.S., testifying at an official inquiry today, indicated that aboard the big vessel were not a few but a large number of people. The tug was within 30 feet of the ship's bow.

The sinking, which claimed the lives of 19 men aboard the Erg, is being investigated by Judge J. A. Barry of Saint John, acting as commissioner when the items were by him today were members of the freighter's crew. The hearing will resume tomorrow morning.

MINISTER SURPRISED

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—Fisheries Minister Bertrand was given a pleasant surprise in the House of Commons today when his war appropriations bill, totalling \$578,000 were put through committee of the whole without a question being asked.

Minister Dr. D.B. Finn, was about to take his seat in front of the Minister to help him with questions when the items were adopted as fast as the chairman could call them.

Ferry To Handle More Passengers

Premier J. Walter Jones announced last night that additional equipment had arrived to increase the passenger carrying capacity of the Scotia No. 1 Ferry and that it is hoped that beginning this (Friday) morning the increase will be over 100 persons.

It is understood that the equipment came from the S.S. Prince Edward Island.

Get To Jobs Despite Strike

LOS ANGELES, July 22—(AP)—The seldom-used family automobile moved into the breach today as 3,000 street car and bus operators quit work and 1,000 Los Angeles breadwinners got to their jobs with little apparent difficulty.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron said an army check of 25 most essential war plants showed absenteeism today was below the normal average, and that he was informed automobile traffic was heavier than at any time since gasoline rationing became effective.

May Have New Jobs For Overseas Firemen

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—War Services Minister LaFleche today said the House of Commons committee is being given to the possibility of finding some other service for the 412 men making up Canada's civilian fire-fighting force overseas, now being used in attacks on Britain have greatly lessened.

He said they were being permitted to continue to train for the armed forces.

Gen. LaFleche was answering questions in committee of the whole during consideration of his war appropriation estimates, which included \$97,000 for maintaining the force. They are finely-trained and fit company, he said.

Women To Go With Army of Occupation

LONDON, July 22—(CP CABLE)—Women of the auxiliary services will go to Europe with the army of occupation, Prime Minister Churchill told Mrs. Cazalet Keir in the House of Commons.

"For some time the hostilities have been in any area, the women's auxiliary services will still be needed," he said.

Particularly, members of the auxiliary services will be needed to accompany the forces of occupation as soon as conditions permit their return to their own countries.

Members of the women's auxiliary services and civil defence service, will be sent to Europe to assist in administration of liberated territories during the period of military control.

Another Airport Captured

Castellvetrano, one of the "big three" airbases in Sicily, was captured before dawn yesterday by the American 8th Army and a big armored column, after a three-day march of 60 miles which placed the Americans only about 20 miles from the northwest coast.

The fall of San Caterina to the Americans plunging northward from Castellvetrano placed the guard within about 28 miles of the north coast, and the capture of San Stefano Quisquina to the west another northward column a position only about 30 miles south of Palermo.

Ramacca, 22 miles southwest of Castellvetrano where Canadian troops (Continued on page 6 Col. 4)

Allied Planes, Ships Blast Italian Rail City

First Combined Operation Against Italian Mainland.

By Lewis Hawkins Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, July 22—(AP)—A strong force of British warships and bombers poured shells and bombs on the coastal rail city of Crotona, only 95 miles below the Italian naval base of Taranto, early yesterday in the first combined operation by the navy and land-based planes against the Fascist mainland.

The blow set a likely pattern of targets to come in an invasion of Italy proper, although its immediate objective was to cut another route by which Axis reinforcements could be dispatched to wavering Sicily.

R.A.F. Wellington bombers first attacked the airfield at Crotona which is 100 miles up the coast from the tip of Italy.

A communique from Allied Headquarters in North Africa said the field was "well covered by bombs and several fires were started."

Then the British sea units, with their usual disregard of any Italian naval threat, moved in close to shore and pumped shells into the harbour area.

Heavy Battle Still Rages For Catania

Canadians Advance Against Strong Opposition In Centre Of Island.

By DANIEL DE LUCE (Associated Press War Correspondent) ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, July 22—(AP)—American armored columns, sweeping north and west with a breakneck speed, were approaching Palermo on Sicily's northern coast through the last mountain range guarding the Island Capital today after capturing the big air base of Castelvetrano and six other towns.

Withering under the hot breath of lightning war, the Italian armies of northern and western Sicily were falling into a debacle comparable with that suffered at the hands of the British 8th Army in Libya in 1940 as Allied armies swept over considerably more than half of the Island.

(In Washington Robert Patterson, United States acting war secretary, said late reports indicated the Americans had reached the outskirts of Marsala at the extreme western tip of Sicily.)

In the central sector, "Canadian troops continued their advance in the face of determined resistance," today's Allied headquarters communique said. The Canadians were operating somewhere north of Enna, key location in the centre of the Island, which fell to a joint Canadian-American force Tuesday.

(An Algiers radio report heard in London tonight said rapidly-advancing Canadian and American troops in Sicily had already reached certain heights near the Island's northern coast from which the sea can clearly be seen.)

In a week the roles of the British 8th Army and the American 7th Army has been completely reversed, with Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's forces still fighting a bloody war of position at the edge of Catania while Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s Americans speedily brushed aside all Axis resistance. San Stefano Quisquina, San Caterina, Menfi, Calabellotta and Bivona, as well as Castellvetrano, fell to the Americans driving westward along the south coast northward across the island to the north coast, it was announced at Allied headquarters.

Plea On Behalf Rural Mail Couriers

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—A plea on behalf of rural mail couriers was made today in the House of Commons by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, during consideration of non-war estimates of the post office department.

He asked for consideration of the added costs of rural mail carriers in maintaining their routes during wartime on the low income they receive under contracts with the post office.

He said the rural mail-carrier problem was a long-standing one and he said he would "condemn" the government for not even seeking to solve it. There was every indication for postmaster-General Mulock to ask parliament to set up a special committee on the rural mail-carrier problem.

It was too late to do this session but if the postmaster-general could not make some progress in putting the carriers in a position at least comparable to that of other public servants he should ask for a committee next year.

STRETCHING THE TRUTH ISN'T GOING TO MAKE IT LAST LONGER!

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