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OF A
MERE MAN

We swallow of one month's life
in that flatter and hasten over
a truth that is better.

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worthy thoughts.

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CANADIAN ARMY STORMS INTO KLEVE

Reds Open New Push In South Advance Slowed After 10 Miles

German Towns Ripped Apart In Offensive

News Briefs

LONDON, Feb. 11 (CP) — Edward Benes, president of the provisional Czechoslovak Government and members of his cabinet, are expected to leave London by plane within a fortnight to establish a provisional capital in their home land, probably at Kassa (Kosice) in eastern Slovakia.

LONDON, Feb. 11 (CP) — Seventy American and British soldiers arrived in Eschschach after being evacuated from Yugoslavia by Red Army troops. The Foreign Office said tonight they had landed in or bailed out over Yugoslavia after raids on Hungary and Austria.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — A pending lend lease agreement with Russia contains a provision permitting continued shipment of arms to the Soviet after Germany's defeat, if Russia intends entering the war against Japan. Russian signature on the agreement is expected soon.

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — German propagandists told their people Saturday that they failed to fight to a finish they expected armed occupation of the entire country for a dozen years and occupation of strategic areas until the year 2000.

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Lublin radio in Poland said Saturday night that about 10 American and British prisoners of war who had been freed by the Red Army in Slovakia were safe in Lublin and awaiting transportation home. No Canadians were mentioned.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

Against the background of the "Big Three" conference somewhere in the Black Sea area, the war in Europe is moving toward a decisive peak.

All Germany was gripped by a monster Russian and Allied vice reaching from the Swiss border to the Neder Rhine in the west and from the Vienna Gap to the estuary of the Oder in the east. Within weeks at most, perhaps within days, the world will know whether the end of the killing and destruction is close at hand or whether Nazi leadership is still able to fend off complete collapse until spring thaws halt the attacking armies.

The time margin within which to shatter organized German resistance and destroy the Wehrmacht is perilously narrow. Not much more than a month remains before rising temperatures will send the unprecedented snows of this winter rushing to the sea through every river valley in eastern, western and southern Europe. That run-off is apt to turn fields and dirt roads into all but impassable bogs. It certainly is among the factors on which the German High Command is heavily to avert eyes a little while the stern accounting that awaits it.

But that time factor also is no less a vital element in the Russian-Allied military commitments exchanged by Messrs. Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin as the first business of their Black Sea area meeting. The broad directives they laid down for immediate and concerted action by the mighty armies ringing Germany are based unquestionably on mutual agreement to strike boldly and in all-out force to bring the war to a military decision before the snows melt.

That was discernible in the disclosure that with the military operation phase of the conference concluded, the three leaders and their advisory staffs turned at once to blueprinting plans for the occupation and pacification of a conquered Germany. They may soon be needed. When needed they must be ready in sufficient detail and sufficiently flexible to meet any situation that may arise in Germany after the fall of the Wehrmacht or its dismemberment and dispersion.

Advance 37 Miles Along 99-Mile Front

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Red Army in an explosive assault across southern Germany has almost encircled Breslau, captured the big industrial centre of Legnitz, 36 miles west of that Silesian Capital, and advanced up to 37 miles in four days on a 99-mile front in a still-rolling drive near the Saxony frontier, Premier Stalin announced today.

Berlin acknowledged the fall of Legnitz and said the Russians had reached—and were trying to cross—the Elbe River on a 22-mile front between Bunzlau, 65 miles west of imperilled Breslau, and about 100 miles southeast of Berlin.

The size of the swelling Soviet offensive, apparently aimed at outflanking Berlin on the south and cutting between the Reich Capital and imprisoned Czechoslovakia, could be gauged by Stalin's commendation of 50 generals, including 23 commanders of infantry formations and 15 artillery leaders who distinguished themselves in the breakthrough.

One Berlin commentator said "One German had surprisingly concentrated a sizeable part of their assault armies" in the Steinau area northwest of Breslau for the powerful blow.

But now the Red Armies inside Germany were meeting the best and regrouped core of the German Army, Daniel De Luce, an Associated Press Correspondent, wrote from Moscow, adding:

"Marshal Zhukov with the heaviest opposition seems halted in East Prussia. Marshal Konstantin Rokossovski reported regrouping his 2nd White Russian Army quickly for a thrust across the Vistula delta region here after his seizure of Elbing Saturday. The 3rd White Russian Army meanwhile pinched in closer on Koenigsberg."

Monty Pleased With Progress

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

PARIS, Feb. 11 (AP) — The 1st Canadian Army drove the Germans today from the western section of Kleve and into the southern half of that fortress on the Reich's ramparts in the fourth day of an offensive that has bored 10 miles through the Siegfried Line.

Street fighting raged in a second pillar of the enemy's defences 15 miles south where two U. S. 3rd Army divisions were storming the Eifel Mountain stronghold of Pruem and threatening to cut it off from its road link to the Rhine.

The Luxembourg radio said that once more German troops were rushing westward to meet an expected all-out Allied smash, altering the current of reinforcements which for days has been rushing eastward to meet the Russians.

This flow of reinforcements was reflected on the 1st Canadian Army front, where front dispatches said tough German parachute troops hustled up from Aachen were stiffening the sagging lines. The count of prisoners in this battle rose to 1,500.

Third Army troops battling in the Reich's western mountains just east of Luxembourg a few miles farther south welded 10 river crossings into three bridgeheads on a 26-mile front.

A full settled over the remainder of the Western Front.

The rampaging Roer River, normally a tiny stream, was more than 40 yards wide north of Juelich on the United States 9th and British 2nd Army front as the flood, loosed when the Germans destroyed the Roer dam system rates, raced on.

The Field Marshal was standing ankle deep in the black ooze mud that spread like a gigantic hog wallow as far as the eye could see.

All around him as he paced in a shell-plundered crossroads hamlet, massed gun batteries were thundering a crescendo, and British and Canadian troops were swarming over the water-logged countryside.

The Field Marshal, who drove to the front in his familiar low-slung, green open touring car, appeared in top fettle. After his chat with correspondents, he gave only one order. It was "get those convoys moving."

De Gaulle Goes On Mysterious Trip

PARIS, Feb. 11 (AP) — Gen. Charles De Gaulle left Paris last night on a "whitely" which was described as wholly unconnected to the Big Three conference and, according to the latest reliable information, the French leader did not expect to be invited to the Black Sea area.

Aide of Gen. De Gaulle said the French leader has "no expectation" of attending the Big Three conference.

It is expected that President Roosevelt will visit France after the meeting to assuage French disappoinment over not being taken into the latest relief information. Gen. De Gaulle there never was any intention of depriving France of a full voice in all matters.

Aide of Gen. De Gaulle said the French leader had no information on one way or another as to whether an invitation had been extended to Gen. De Gaulle. No comment came from official London.

The question of whether Gen. De Gaulle would be invited to confer with the United Nations leaders has been discussed in the French press for several weeks, virtually all the commentators insisting that his presence at the meeting of the Big Three was essential if a permanent peace for Europe were to be evolved.

Superforts Raid Rangoon Area

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (AP) — India-based Superfortresses and bombers of the Eastern Air Command's strategic force blasted at Rangoon in Burma today in a coordinated attack.

The B-29s of the U.S. 20th Air Force struck at Japanese military installations while ammunition, gasoline and oil stocks near the key city were attacked by the other bombers.

Elements of the 15th Indian Division north of Rangoon, relief forces arrived just in time today for a British commando unit who for eight days had blocked a Japanese force 10 times its own strength in hand-to-hand battle on a road leading south from Kailadan.

Elements of the 15th Indian Division on at the road block made contact with East African troops pushing south from positions north of Kailadan.

The commandos killed more than 1,000 of the enemy. In desperate day and night attacks the Japanese attempted to crack open the road block as their units to the north were squeezed into a small stretch of open ground.

British and Indian troops of the 15th Corps meanwhile fought to complete the occupation of Ramree island, a natural springboard for a 20-mile water crossing to the town of Taunggyi on the west coast, less than 100 miles from the town of Ramree was announced Saturday.

Germany's Food Situation May Become Serious

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP) — British economic experts estimated tonight that Germany has lost roughly 16,000,000 tons of food supplies as a result of the Russian advances and said the food situation within the country might be tragic by autumn.

A front dispatch said U. S. 1st Army troops still were fighting to stop the big earthen dam. Contrary reports that it had been captured, they hold one end of the dam and control the other by artillery fire.

The flood of Kleve along the flooded Rhine was slowing ahead against little interference from the enemy who seemed to be throwing everything into the struggle to save the city itself.

Veteran paratroopers were rushed into the battle as a Canadian and British troops fought into the western and southwestern outskirts and bloody hand-to-hand combat was in progress.

A front dispatch quoted pilots as saying the Germans were digging trenches as far as 30 miles behind the Rhine, indicating that the enemy fears the broad river will be unable to hold back the coming Eisenhower offensive.

Ch'town Native Passes In N. S.

MIDDLETON, N.S., Feb. 11 (CP) — Fred B. Armour, 69, postmaster and general merchant at Seznam, N.S., died Saturday after being struck on a Yarmouth-Halifax bus near here.

He was a native of Charlottetown. He had operated a store at Woodstock, N.B., and a hotel at Alberton, P.E.I., before moving to Nova Scotia in 1921. For some years he ran a hotel here. He was a former Middleton town councillor.

Authority On Irish Music Dies In Dublin

DUBLIN, Feb. 11 (CP) — Carl Harderbeck, 75, musician, composer and authority on Irish music, has died here. It was announced today. He was credited with saving from oblivion many Irish traditional songs. He was born in London but lived in Ireland 49 years.

R. A. F. Mosquitos Attack Hanover

LONDON, Feb. 11 (CP Reuters) — A strong force of R. A. F. Mosquitos attacked the German industrial centre of Hannover last night. The Ministry announced today some 150 United States heavy bombers with 50 escorting fighters attacked an oil depot at Daimen, southwest of Munster.

International At A Glance

WESTERN FRONT—First Canadian Army troops drive Germans from western section of Kleve and into southern half of town; offensive in four days bored 10 miles through Siegfried Line; Americans storm Pruem in Eifel Mountains.

EASTERN FRONT—Russians in 37-mile smash across southern Germany almost encircled Breslau; capture Legnitz, industrial centre, drive to within 40 miles of Dresden; 27-mile section of Berlin-Breslau trunk railway cut.

PACIFIC—More American troops and armor cross Pasig River to attack Japanese between river and Manila Bay; dive-bombers blast Japanese.

ITALY—5th Army troops repel limited-scale German counter-attacks in Serchio River valley and western coastal sector; Patrol clashes mark 8th Army front.

AERIAL—American heavy bombers attack German motor fuel storage dump at Bueland, southwest of Muenster; R. A. F. Mosquitos hit Hannover Saturday night.

URMA—Allied bombers carry out widespread attacks on Japanese installations, British troops gain in Mandalay drive.

50 New Cars Buried When Arena Collapses

TORONTO, Feb. 11 (CP) — Fifty new 1942 automobiles, valued at \$20,000, were buried under the wreckage of the Willowdale Arena in suburban North York when the structure collapsed here Saturday night.

British White Paper On Coal Mining Expected

LONDON, Feb. 11 (CP) — The British Government is expected to issue shortly a white paper on the coal mining industry after the war and it is believed the plan will centre on creation of a new fuel board comprising equal representation for owners, miners and state with an independent chairman.

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Coming Events

- "Dance in Emerald Hall, Monday, February 12th. 1-27-41.
- "Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Ltd. 11-17-41.
- "Loading hogs every Thursday. Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merilyn Drive, Pease. 1-23-41.
- "Valentine Dance, Mt. Albin Hall, Wednesday, February 15th. Prizes for best costumes. 1-29-41.
- "Brookfield Midgets vs. Milton Midgets. Milton Rink. Tuesday, Feb. 12. 2-12-41.
- "Card party and dance, Darnley Hall, Monday, Feb. 12. If not fine, following night. 2-12-41.
- "Oliver Campbell leading hogs at Kensington Tuesday February 14th until 3 p.m. If stormy loading following day. 2-12-41.
- "Institute dance and sale of lunches. Whitaker Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 13. 2-12-41.
- "Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free catalogue. Arthur Tessey York. 1-16-41.
- "Special Notice: Loading hogs Monday afternoon February 13th at Murray Harbour, St. Theresa and Tuesday morning at Bedford and York until train time. Livestock Marketing Board. 2-12-41.
- "Loading hogs every Thursday and Friday as follows: Summerside, to 1:30 p.m.; Kensington, to 1:30 p.m.; Eimer Wigmore, Bradenbury, to 1:30 p.m.; M.L. Borden, Bagnall, Hunter River, P.E.I. till noon. MacEwen and Casley. 2-10-41.
- "Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at all usual shipping points east, south and west during week of February 12th. Contact our agent your shipping point for further information. 2-12-41.

Former Minister Here Dies At 68

TORONTO, Feb. 11 (CP) — Rev. Dr. William Henry Sedgewick, 68, former convener of the Board of Home Missions for the Presbyterian Church in Canada who served in the same post for the United Church, died Saturday after a short illness.

Born at Middle Misquodobit, N.S., he attended Halifax Academy and graduated from Dalhousie University and later from Pine Hill College in theology. He was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church in 1901 and served at Shubenacadie, N.S., and Charlottetown before coming here.

Survivors include Mrs. Walter Joyce of Ottawa, a daughter, and Mrs. O. J. Roman of Valleyfield, Que., a sister.

N. B. Seed Potatoes Go To South Africa

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 11 (CP) — The largest shipment of New Brunswick seed potatoes ever sent to South Africa—32,500 crates—has reached Capetown in excellent condition, shipping officials here have been advised. The shipment was arranged by the South African Canadian and New Brunswick Governments to relieve a potato shortage in South Africa.

Empire Economic Union Urges New Tariff Agreements

BY JOHN DAUPHINEE (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Feb. 10 (CP) — Abrogation of all pre-war tariff agreements and negotiation of new ones which do not contain a "most-favored-nation" clause are recommended by the Empire Economic Union as the only hope of a "fair deal" for British industry and agriculture when peace comes.

The union, founded in 1929 by the late Lord Melchett, has from the outset favored protection for home industry by tariff adjustments, and imperial tariff preferences. Its post-war plan is presented in a booklet entitled "Post-War Economic Policy," written by Sir Herbert Williams, Conservative member of parliament for South Crofton.

"The tariff which is sometimes a weapon of economic war, while on the other hand the most favored-nation clause in commercial treaties, which superficially appears to outlaw commercial war, may be charged with the offense of having indirectly caused military war, because it very rigidly prevents those economic adjustments which, if permitted, reduce the political temperature to the safety point," Sir Herbert writes.

"The out-judgment, the abrogation of the unequalled most-favored-nation clause is one of the essentials of post-war economic policy if future strife is to be avoided."

Other points in the union's post-war plan:—

1. There should be a wartime "Ottawa Conference" to draw up an Empire economic policy;
2. An imperial economic secretariat should be set up.

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N. S. Historian Dies At Halifax

HALIFAX, Feb. 11 (CP) — John W. Regan, 70, Halifax historian and writer, died today after a short illness.

Mr. Regan at one time was correspondent here for the Associated Press. He scored a notable beat in 1906 when, leaving other correspondents waiting at Sydney, N.S., he chartered a ship and went up the coast of Greenland to meet Admiral Robert Peary after his discovery of the North Pole.

Mr. Regan was the author of "Fifty Things in Acadia" and other works dealing with the history of Nova Scotia.

Harbor Workers Strike Threatens In Halifax

HALIFAX, Feb. 11 (CP) — Threat of a strike by about 500 employees of the National Harbour Board here was maintained tonight when they voted to give the Board authority for higher pay.

A mass meeting of about 250 of the men, employed on cold storage, grain elevators and general work, decided that at the end of that time they would ask the Federal Labor Department for permission to take a strike vote.

Elderly Women Carried To Safety During Fire

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 11 (CP) — Three elderly women were carried to safety and six families left homeless here yesterday when fire badly damaged two three-story houses on High Street. Cause of the fire was unknown and loss was estimated at \$6,000.



Meteorological Office

TORONTO, Feb. 11 (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 42, —; Edmonton 16, 36; Regina 8, 26; Winnipeg 12B, 10; Toronto 26, 26; Ottawa 17, 17; Montreal 24, 35; Quebec 21, 30; Moncton 20, 37; Halifax 25, 30; Charlottetown 23, 36.

FORECASTS:— Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John: Partly cloudy and a little colder with scattered snow-furries.

Gulf, Bay Chaleur, North Shore and Maritimes: Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy and slightly colder with scattered snowflurries.

High tide this afternoon at 12.3 and tonight at 12.47.

Sun sets this evening at 6.23 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.06.

New moon February 12th, 1.3 P.M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE— Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.45 A.M., 11.30 A.M., 5.45 P.M. Arrives Charlottetown 12.55 P.M., 5.30 P.M., 8.45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE— Leave Charlottetown 11.0, 4 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 5.30 8.15 P.M.

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