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CHURCHILL CONFIDENT BUT WARNS OF NEW ORDEALS

Dominion Wide Drive Will Be Launched Today

Will be largest National Campaign of the war.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—(CP)—A Dominion-wide drive to obtain pledges from 2,000,000 Canadians to make regular purchases of war savings certificates will be launched tomorrow and continue throughout February.

A statement issued tonight by the War Savings committee described the drive as "the largest national campaign of the war."

It will be carried out by 50,000 workers, directed by provincial, county and district chairmen. They will endeavor to reach every person in a position to save even the smallest amount.

Each potential investor will be pledged to make monthly purchases of as much as he can afford, for the duration of the war.

A limit of $600 face value is placed on the amount one individual may invest in war savings certificates in the calendar year.

This amount can be bought for $480 and the full face value becomes payable to the investor 7½ years after date of purchase. Thus pledges can be made up to an amount of $40 a month throughout the year.

The smallest denomination certificate has a face value of $5 and is bought for $4, with the same maturity period.

"The campaign is to be supported by one of the strongest and most extensive advertising programs ever staged in Canada," tonight's statement said.

"All forms of media, daily and weekly newspapers, magazines and trade papers, radio, posters signs, direct mail and billboards will be used to sell the need for regular investment in war savings certificates.

"Theme of the campaign is expressed in the words of His Majesty, King George VI: "This time we are all in the front line."

OTTAWA, Jan. 31—(CP)—Canadians who pledge themselves to regular purchases of war savings certificates during the February war savings campaign will be given a special red, white and blue card to place in windows of their home, campaign officials said tonight.

The white card is shaped like a maple leaf. On it is a red space, and in that space blue lettering,

"We are saving for victory" is in big letters.

Italians retreat In confusion After attack

By MAX HARRELSON
Associated Press Staff Writer

ATHENS, Jan. 31. — (AP) — A Greek government spokesman announced tonight that a fresh counter attack by the Italians in the Albanian coastal sector, launched with large forces, "met a fate worse than any" tried previously.

The attacking troops were repulsed with such heavy losses that they retreated in confusion, and have not had time to reorganize their positions, the spokesman said.

"These Fascist troops were pursued by us and we succeeded in occupying a mountain 1,500 metres high beyond the positions from which the Italians launched their counter attack," he said.

At another point the Greeks occupied a height of some 2,000 metres and further to the north repulsed the Italians from a height of 1,600 metres," the spokesman stated.

Urges French In Africa to Fight Italians

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(CP) — Free French commander, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, called today upon the thirteen French armies under Gen. Weygand in North and West Africa to throw off their "shameful" inertia and help "complete the conquest of Italian Libya."

"Don't you see it is up to you?" he asked, in a French language broadcast over the British Broadcasting Company's facilities.

It was an appeal for the Weygand large, sizeable, well-armed but impotentized by their loyalty to Vichy and the recognition of the French-German armistice to strike at Libya from Tunisia on the west just as the British and Free French units are piercing that desert colony from the east and south.

"The game is not finished," Gen. de Gaulle declared. "The great battle of the Mediterranean will suddenly increase in scope like a powder dump when set on fire."

If the battle is lost, he said, "French independence would vanish forever," but if it is won, the fate of our enemies will be sealed."

(Free French troops and camel corps have aided the British armies in their successful assaults on Italian strongholds).

Gets stogie As souvenir

PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 31..— (CP Cable) — Prime Minister Churchill sacrificed half of one of his famous cigars today when a dockyard worker decided he would like it as a souvenir of the Prime Minister's three-hour tour of Portsmouth's bombed areas.

Near the end of his tour of south-coast towns and dockyards, Mr. Churchill stopped to chat with a worker. As he started to walk away the worker asked for a memento of the occasion. The Prime Minister promptly handed over a half-smoked stogie.

Coming Events

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"Rummage Sale Kirk Hall today (Saturday) 6.30. L-614-2-1-1i.

"Skating Graham's Road rink tonight; Emerald play Clinton Monday. L-641.

"Cake Sale, Trinity Young People's, Moore & McLeod's, Saturday, February 8th. L-620-2-1-1i.

"Fresh Frozen Strawberries, Phone your order, Daily delivery 3 o'clock except Saturday, Island Cold Storage. L-459-1-25-tf.

"Queens County Loyal Orange Lodge will meet at Brookfield Tuesday, February 4th at two thirty. Verner Moore, Secretary. L-571-1-31-2i.

"Ice carnival New Glasgow Saturday February 1. Good prizes. L-557-1-29-2i.

"The Postponed Annual Meeting of the Federal Creamery will be held in the Hall at Eldon on Wednesday, February 5th at 7.30 P.M. If stormy first fine night. L-548-2-1-1i.

Tells how 88 Persons saved By Freighter

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 31—(CP)—How a British freighter saved 88 persons from the bomb-shattered British vessel Apapa on the Atlantic was related today by the captain of the rescue ship as she lay in harbor here.

The survivors, men, women and children, had seen 12 other persons aboard the Apapa killed when two bombs from a lone German warplane landed on the vessel 200 miles off Ireland last November as she headed for Britain from Freetown, Sierra Leona, Africa.

The bombs cracked the attacked ship in half, set her aflame and forced her complement to take to the boats in a heavy sea. The swell hampered the job of taking the survivors aboard the rescue craft.

She lacked passenger accomodations, and officers and crew gave up their quarters to make way for survivors, six of whom were injured. The captain turned his own cabin over to an expectant mother.

A few children were among those saved and one three-year-old youngster was lifted aboard with a sea anchor, a cone-shaped canvas device used to keep a lifeboat's head to the wind.

Other survivors included army and air force officers, a small group of Polish fliers seeking to join the Royal Air Force and 44 officers and crewmen of the Apapa. They were landed in Scotland.

The poles had crossed Europe from their country when German victory was certain and made their way to Sierra Leona across Africa.

Pilot, Passenger Killed in crash

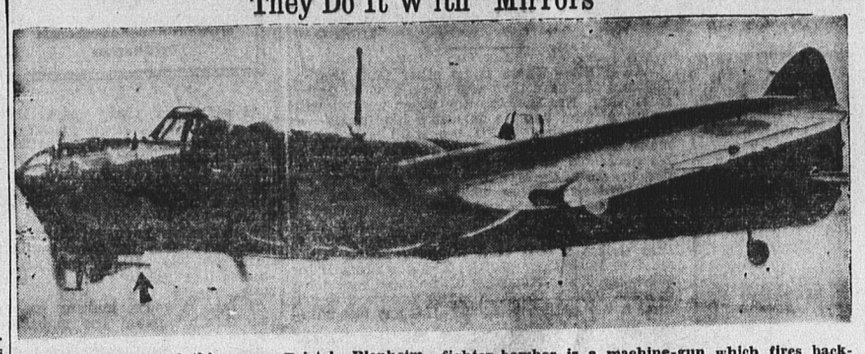
DAWSON, Y. T., Jan. 31 — (CP) —A White Pass and Yukon Route plane crashed after taking off near here today, killing the pilot and lone passenger.

The dead:

Lionel Vines, pilot.

Ernest Chapman, Dawson merchant.

They Do It With Mirrors



Under the nose of this new Bristol Blenheim fighter-bomber is a machine-gun which fires backward, to protect the ship against attack from below and from the tail. Described as the newest weapon of the Royal Air Force, the gun, indicated by arrow, is operated by the navigator through a series of mirrors.

Expect Assault On Bengasi Soon

Advanced British forces clear way for early attack.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 31 —(AP) — Advanced British striking forces, bombers and motorized troops, operated west of the captured Italian base of Derna toward Bengasi today, methodically cleared the way for the expected general assault upon that important naval centre and capital of Eastern Libya.

Official news was scarce, but it appeared the same program that reduced Bardia, Tobruk and Derna, was at work again — dashes of reconnaissance and attrition by tanks, an endless offensive patrol of the air by British bombers and co-operation of the navy offshore.

The Royal Air Force told of a heavy bombardment of the Italian air base at Barce, 110 miles beyond Derna on the road to Bengasi, announcing that its day-long activities of Thursday had been mainly focussed on that military settlement.

The airdrome was repeatedly attacked, and direct hits scored on a series of hangars and other buildings. A single Italian plane was destroyed.

The British command itself covered its activities on every front from Libya to the fighting along the frontier areas of Italian Somaliland 3,000 miles to the south —in 10 words:—

"On all fronts operations continue to develop to our advantage."

From the Kenya it was reported that Nigerian troops operating in the coastal sector had joined British forces in harrying the Italians in Italian Somaliland, destroying the village of Kiamboni and meeting not a single Fascist soldier.

The village, once a centre of Italian native troop activity, was burned by the Nigerians, who were aided in the operation by ships of the Kenya coastal defences, which transported troops.

The R.A.F. announced new bombing attacks upon Moyale, which lies in the Kenya-Ethiopian zone of fighting. Italian artillery and infantry positions were attacked.

No decision Re Federal Feed grain offer

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—(CP) — No replies have yet been received from provincial governments to the Dominion Government's offer to pay half the freight on feed grain shipped from Fort William and Port Arthur to farmers in the eastern provinces, it was learned at the Department of Agriculture today.

The Dominion offer was made a week ago, following a conference between Agriculture Minister Gardiner and officials of the Federal Department of Agriculture with provincial agricultural ministers.

As the Dominion offer was contingent on the provinces arranging for the procuring, distribution and use of the grain shipped exclusively as a livestock feed, it was said the provinces may require some time to complete arrangements. The Dominion offer is also contingent on the provinces paying the balance of the freight charges on the grain being sold to farmers at prices which do not include freight charges.

The offer is limited to a total of 8,000,000 bushels with allotments for the eastern provinces as follows: 3,200,000 bushels each for Ontario and Quebec, 760,000 bushels each for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and 80,000 bushels for Prince Edward Island.

The Federal proposal with regard to western feed grains was discussed at a recent meeting of the Provincial Government, it was learned from Premier Campbell yesterday. Decision in the matter was postponed, pending the results of a conference between government representatives of the three Maritime Provinces and Quebec, which meets at Montreal on Monday.

Hon. Horace Wright, president of the Executive Council, will attend the conference from this province.

The Federal proposal, Premier Campbell stated, is not regarded as altogether satisfactory, as no provision is made to safeguard against a price increase. If feed grain prices rose as a result of increased eastern consumption, it would be equivalent to bonusing the western producers or shippers. This is one of the points that will come up for discussion at Monday's conference in Montreal.

Another phase of the situation, Premier Campbell said, was the likelihood that the assistance of freight rates would go only to the better classes of farmers while those unable to purchase the grain would receive no benefit.

Doucette will Be sentenced On Tuesday

Mr. Justice Saunders announced in the Supreme Court yesterday morning that Jeremiah Doucette, who was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury Thursday, would be sentenced on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock.

Doucette was charged with the murder of Isidore Doucette, his uncle, which occurred as the result of a stab in the chest August 14 last. However, the verdict brought in was, "We find the prisoner guilty of manslaughter."

Doucette was also charged with attempted murder and this case was called yesterday but Mr. O. St. Clair Trainor, K.C., representing the Crown, gave notice that on Tuesday he would make a motion to have this indictment set over until the June term of the Court. He moved that the present jury panel be discharged.

Before Court adjourned, Mr. Ralph P. Dodds, of Summerside, was appointed commissioner for taking affidavits in Prince County.

9 Canadians On R. A. F. list Of casualties

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(CP Cable)—Nine Canadians were named in the Royal Air Force's 58th casualty list issued tonight which was made up of 350 officers and men, and four members of the women's auxiliary air force who were killed while on active service.

The Canadians:—

Missing, now presumed killed in action—

FO. G. B. Morgan-Dean, born in Sussex, England; mother, Mrs. G. Morgan-Dean, lives in Vancouver.

FO. C. F. G. Adye, Fort William, Ontario.

PO. B. S. Bell, Kelowna, B.C.

PO. G. McK. Stewart, father, J. Stewart, lives in Stratford, Ont. (Stewart was reported missing last June 16).

Flt.-Lt. J. L. Sullivan, of Smith's Falls, Ont.; father Joseph Sullivan, lives in Guelph, Ont.

Killed on active service:—

PO. R. A. Robertson, Toronto.

Sgt. J. Docherty, born in Glasgow, Scotland; mother lives in Dunnville, Ont.

Previously reported missing, now reported prisoner of war:—

PO. Hardie G. De Forest, born in Winnipeg; mother, Mrs. L. G. De Forest, lives in Drumheller, Alta. (De Forest was reported missing after taking part in an air raid over Germany Dec. 4. His parents were advised that their son was believed a prisoner in Germany Dec. 13. However, the Air Ministry officially listed him as missing Dec. 22).

Died on active service—

AC. M. A. Scott, of Alberta; mother lives in Sheffied, Eng.

The 360 officers and men in the list were made up of 154 killed in action; 48 missing, 61 killed on active service; 24 wounded, 15 who died of wounds; 31 who died; and 17 prisoners of war.

Student-Pilot Lands planes After collision

REGINA, Jan. 31—(CP)—Two Avro Anson bombers crashed in mid-air over the service flying training school at Macleod Alberta, today, but were safely landed by a pilot-pupil.

The planes locked, one above the other, but the spectacular landing was made without injury to the crews and only minor damage to the bottom plane.

The planes were approaching the Macleod landing field, 125 miles southwest of Calgary, when they collided.

News of the mishap was learned tonight from officers of No. 4 air training command under which the Macleod school operates.

The pilot of the upper plane shut off his engines while the other continued to make a landing. No one bailed out as in a similar accident which occurred in Australia last summer.

Willkie visits 'Hell's corner'

DOVER, Eng., Jan. 31.—(CP) — Splashing through the mud of Britain's front lines in his "Hell's Corner," Wendell Wilkie witnessed some "slight" cross-Channel shelling today, watched anti-aircraft guns in action against a Nazi air-raider and concluded: "I wouldn't like to be the German attacking these invasion defences."

His shoes and clothes were crusted with mud after his tour, and Mr. Willkie was weary but full of enthusiasm for Britain's preparations against the day when Hitler's legions might attempt to set foot on British soil.

"Very impressive," was the way he summed up the defences closest to the Nazi-held French coast, 22 miles across the Channel.

German shell Hits steeple

DEAL, Jan. 31 —(CP) — A shell from a German gun on the coast of France knocked down a church steeple near Canterbury, Kent, as the Nazis continued fire which sent shells farther inland from the Kent coast than ever before.

The intermittent shelling which has been going on for three days has sent shells lobbing 10 to 11 miles farther into Kent than previously, but they have been random shots, falling mostly in open country and doing little damage.

"The shells fall intermittently," said one observer. "Nobody is paying any attention to them."

(Most of the previous shelling has been confined to the Dover Straits, harbors and the actual coastline itself. Dover is 23 miles from France; hence the shells now have been fired a distance of 34 miles.)

Ford offers War materials "At cost, if"

DETROIT, Jan. 31 — (AP)— Henry Ford said in a telephone conversation from his winter home in Georgia today that he would build war defence materials "at cost if other manufacturers will do the same."

Ford made the statement in commenting on published reports that the Ford company had been refused a contract for army trucks because of certain labor clauses to which the company objected.

Harry H. Bennett, personnel director of the Ford Company quoted the manufacturer as saying:—

"There ought not to be any quibbling about bidding on defence contracts. All companies ought to do what the government wants them to do without making profit.

"Nobody should make any profit on defence production anyway. It's profit in the manufacture of war materials that causes war."

One in seven In U. S. agrees With Lindbergh

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—(CP)—One voter in every seven in the United States shares the views of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh that there should be a negotiated peace between Britain and Germany, the American Institute of Public Opinion, more popularly known as the Gallup Poll, said today.

A survey conducted throughout the United States indicated that 15 per cent. of those questioned want peace now; 79 per cent. believe Britain should keep on fighting; six per cent. couldn't make up their minds.

The strength of the group wanting a negotiated peace is about the equal of another group asking for the opposite extreme—United States entry into war, Dr. George Gallup, who conducted the poll, said.

"In between these two extremes—the 'war party' on the one hand, and the party which wants England to make a deal with the Nazis on the other hand—lie the great majority of the American people," Dr. Gallup said. "They do not sympathize with the negotiated peace idea; 79 per cent. hope Britain will continue to fight until the Nazis are defeated. Neither do they sympathize with the war party, for 88 per cent. at the last count, want the United States to stay out of the war. "But the majority of them are for aid for Britain in every possible way short of war."

Thailand, Indo-China Sign armistice

(By Frank L. Martin, Jr., Associated Press Staff Writer)

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Jan. 31—(AP)—Thailand (Siam) and French Indo-China ended four months of warfare along their 1,000-mile jungle-covered border today. An armistice drafted by Japanese mediators was signed at 6 p.m. (8 a.m. AST) aboard the Japanese light cruiser Natori.

The agreement left Thai forces in possession of several areas in Cambodia, southern Indo-China, and one section in Laos, in the north. It established a neutral zone extending 10 kilometres (6.21 miles) on either side of a line fixed as the front at the official hour of cessation of hostilities, 10 a.m. Jan. 28. (Fighting actually continued some hours longer).

This is to be the demarcation line pending signature of a peace treaty to be negotiated at Tokyo with Japan as mediator.

Nazi-French Papers blast Vichy Gov't

VICHY, France, Jan. 31—(AP) —Informed sources said tonight there was a strong possibility that Pierre-Etienne Flandin would resign as Foreign Minister as newspapers in German-occupied Paris continued a campaign against the Vichy Government.

It was said that German officials of the occupied territory took the stand that Flandin was one of those responsible for the ousting of Pierre Laval, former Foreign Minister and Vice Premier, from the Vichy Government.

The Germans also were believed to take the position that German-French collaboration would be impossible unless Laval returned to the Government and other changes were made in the composition of the cabinet.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON — Numerous casualties caused in widespread daylight raids; three hospitals in London hit; Gen. de Gaulle calls upon Weygand and French armies in Africa to join fight; Canterbury and other Kentish towns shelled by long-range guns in France.

PORTSMOUTH — Prime Minister Churchill tours Portsmouth; warns of coming ordeals but reiterates belief in victory; confidence echoed by A. V. Alexander, First Lord of Admiralty.

CAIRO — British troops moving on Bengasi; R.A.F. heavily bombs Italian air base at Barce; Italians harried in East Africa.

ATHENS — Greeks smash Italian counter-attacks; take important positions.

SAIGON — Armistice ends Thailand-French Indo-China war after four months.

VICHY — German - French relations worsening; crisis seen shortly unless Foreign Minister Flandin resigns.

Calls Cheers For Roosevelt; Sea Lord Echoes View

Greatest hour in British History approaching, A. V. Alexander declares.

PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 31 —(CP Cable) — Prime Minister Churchill warned Britain anew today of the "long, hard ordeals which lie before us" but reiterated his confidence that "we shall come through."

His confidence, expressed during a three-hour tour of the docks and bomb-scarred districts of this south-coast naval base, was echoed at Preston by the first lord of the admiralty, A. V. Alexander, who warned:—

"The greatest, grandest hour of our history is approaching and we shall rise to it."

Mr. Churchill was accompanied on the tour by Mrs. Churchill and Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative. Cries of "Good old Winnie" greeted the Prime Minister wherever he went. Earlier, Mr. Churchill visited Southampton where he received a tremendous "No"! when he asked a crowd of civil defence workers: "Are we downhearted?"

Addressing a war weapons meeting, Mr. Alexander said the heavier tasks, sternest ordeals and severest testing time still lie ahead of Britain and he warned "our endurance and courage will have to rise to yet greater heights."

The Prime Minister added:—

"Inevitably the full weight of the mightiest military machine the world has ever known will be hurled against us. We will have to meet the onslaught singlehanded. We must conquer or perish for there are no terms possible with Hitler.

"Having realized the nature of the crisis that lies ahead there is no need to quail. The greatest, grandest hour in our history is approaching and we shall arise to it."

During Mr. Churchill's tour of Portsmouth two survivors of the

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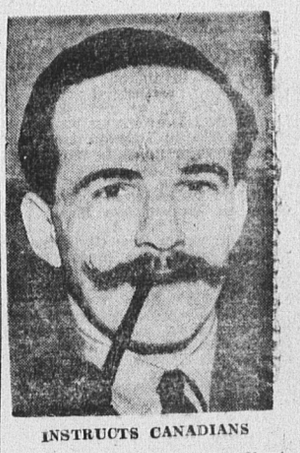

INSTRUCTS CANADIANS

A former instructor of Canadians in the R.A.F. and now stationed at Goderich, Ont., with the Empire Air Training plan, Flight-Lieut J.R.M. Boothby, D.F.C., says Canadians are showing "great willingness to learn" all the technique of air fighting and bombing. His newly arrived wife says that everything is going well back home in Sussex and London.

LONDON, Jan. 31 — (CP Cable)—The greatest hour of Britain's history is approaching "and we shall rise to it," A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, today told a war weapons meeting at Preston.

"What we have accomplished has given us our chance to win," Mr. Alexander said. "Now we have to take that chance to go on to victory."

The heaviest tasks, sternest ordeals and severest testing time still lie ahead, he warned, adding: "Our endurance and courage will have to rise to yet greater heights."

"Inevitably the full weight of the mightiest military machine the world has ever known will be hurled against us," he said, and "we will have to meet the onslaught.

"Having realized the nature of the crisis that lies ahead, there is no need to quail. The greatest and grandest hour of our history is approaching and we shall rise to it."

Howe not yet Prepared to scrap Federal Aircraft Ltd.

By C. R. BLACKBURN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—(CP) —Plans are being studied for the production in Canada of heavy bombing planes of a type that could be flown across the Atlantic, Munitions Minister Howe announced today at a press conference.

The minister said destroyers also would be constructed in Canada if present plans are carried out. The present orders for 18 freighters for the United Kingdom will be increased considerably.

Mr. Howe said Harry J. Carmichael, who recently left General Motors Corporation to join the Munitions and Supply Department, would be engaged on "production follow-up." He would watch all war production and handle any situations creating production delays.

It was Mr. Howe's first press conference since his return from a trip to England, where he said he had been able to give British authorities "a better understanding of what we can do for them, and what we cannot do."

Thre Months Behind

Commenting on reported aircraft production delays Mr. Howe said the Avro Anson bomber program to provide machines for the Empire Air Training plan would be at least three months behind schedule.

He said he had not decided whether production could be speeded up by taking supervision of the project away from Federal Aircraft

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War — 25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

FEB. 1, 1916—British liner Appam, previously reported lost, arrived at Norfolk, Va., as German prize. Serbian forces in northern Albania withdrew toward Durazzo. Ten persons killed in German air raid on Salonika.

FEB. 2, 1916—German force in East Africa abandoned Kasigau, held since Dec. 6. Russian troops in the Caucasus captured Norkeff on the southern shore of Lake Van.

TORONTO, Jan. 31—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	24B	16B
Victoria	45	49
Edmonton	21	4A
Regina	11	36
Winnipeg	16	40
Toronto	14	23
Ottawa	5B	17
Montreal	1B	14
Quebec	2B	18
Saint John	15	331
Halifax	25	32
Charlottetown	12	29

FORECAST

High tide this afternoon at 2.14 and tomorrow morning at 2.16.

Maritime East: Fresh winds; partly cloudy with light snowfalls or flurries; not much change in temperature.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and mild in the Western Provinces and moderately cold in Ontario.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.07 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.20.

First quarter moon Feb. 4, 7.42 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9.45 A.M. 1.00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11.00 A.M. 3.15 P.M.