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OF A
MERE MAN

Let these things happen to me, not
which I most wish, but which are
best for my good.

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labor; nothing is ever to be attained
without it.

8TH ARMY BLOCKS TWO HEAVY NAZI THRUSTS

Red Drive Surges Forward On Vyazma

10,000 Miners Threaten Strike

Cape Breton Coal Miners Demand More Butter And Other Essentials Or Else.

Challenges Claim 30 Sinkings

Church School On Bell Island Burned

War—25 Years Ago Today

Essen Bombed Friday Night

London Has Short Alert

Repudiates All Vichy Decrees

Help The Red Cross "SALADA" TEA

Heavy Nazi Casualties In Battles

Almost 100 Localities Captured In Continuing Offensive.

War Situation Last Night

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War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press Staff Writer)

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's sudden attack on the 8th army along the March line in southern Tunisia apparently is aimed at delaying, temporarily, the closing of the Allied nutcracker on the Nazi Tunisian forces.

The wily desert commander, striking at the veteran 8th army, seemingly hopes to inflict a crippling blow that will give him time to withdraw northward through the ever-narrowing corridor to the tip of Tunisia for a final stand.

Earlier thrusts against the Americans in Central Tunisia and the British 8th army in the north were carried out with the same purpose. This third attack obviously is the most desperate since it is aimed at the flower of the Allied Tunisian forces.

Even if Rommel threw back Gen. Montgomery's 8th army along the March line, he could not safely follow up his gains for it would mean a dangerous extension of his supply lines. Time and weather are against him and, with his flanks exposed, he cannot wait too long to attempt an orderly withdrawal northward.

Just how soon the Allied squeeze on the Nazi forces will come is uncertain. But weather conditions, which have been delaying an Allied attack in the Bizerte-Tunis sector, are clearing up. The supply line behind the 8th army is being improved by establishment of advance bases in Benghasi and Tripoli close to the fighting front.

The Nazi commander in Tunisia is aware of that. He can closely estimate the moment when he must face attack on both ends of his 300-mile-long Tunisian coastal strip with his inshore flank in the centre again exposed, or run for it, abandoning the March line to concentrate northward.

By every rule of military logic the latter should be his decision.

Would Upset Allied Plans If Powerful Enemy Naval Force Broke Out Into Atlantic.

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets

The Sea Cadets are henceforth to be designated as "The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets" by virtue of the fact that His Majesty, the King has graciously consented to be the patron of the corps, it was learned last night from Mr. Walter S. Grant, chairman of the Citizens' Committee of the local corps.

The Cadet officers are to wear the same insignia, cap and uniform as the officers of the R.C.N.V.R. The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps "Kent" has recently set a tentative date, the last two weeks of the present summer camp. It is expected the camp will be attended by 150 boys, six officers and two instructors. An effort is being made to secure the Camp at Pinette as the site for the camp.

Urges Examination Of Auditor General's Report To Commons

OTTAWA, March 6—(CP)—Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, urged in the House of Commons today that the report of the auditor-general be re-examined by the public accounts committee for examination.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King replied that it was the practice in past years to refer the report to the committee, but Mr. Graydon said the committee had not met since the war began. Because of huge increases in expenditures, the public expected the close scrutiny of public accounts.

Referring to a report in the Ottawa Journal yesterday, Mr. Graydon said Col. John Thompson, director of Government office economies control, had been reported as saying it was impossible to cope with waste and extravagance in government equipment and supplies.

Mr. Graydon said Col. Thompson should be called as a witness before the public accounts committee.

War Services Minister LeFleche, to whom Col. Thompson reported, said he had instituted inquiries following publication of the newspaper article and he had been informed by Col. Thompson that the director did not give statements to the press.

Elected Chartered Life Member Of Underwriters Ass'n

At the annual meeting of the Life Underwriters Association, held recently in Toronto, Mr. J. O. Hyndman, C.L.U., Great-West Life Assurance Company, Charlotte, was unanimously elected a Chartered Life Member of the Association.

Reference to Mr. Hyndman's election is made editorially in the Life Underwriters News, which points out that this honour is conferred, under the Constitution, only on members who have rendered service of special importance or benefit to the Association.

In addition to Mr. Hyndman, who is also one of the founders of the Dominion Association, there are now only eight other Chartered Life Members of the Association throughout Canada.

Island Man Dies In West

The death occurred in Winnipeg on Saturday, March 6th of Mr. Frederick J. Wise, eldest son of the late Hon. Joseph Wise of Milton, Mr. Wise went West in 1907 and worked for a time with T. Eaton Co. Later he was employed for more than twenty-five years with the Vulcan Iron Works with good success.

He leaves to mourn his wife, formerly Eliza A. Darke of Brookfield, P. E. Island and two sons—Nesmith and Clifford; also one brother Major H.A. Wise, air of Winnipeg. Mrs. R. E. Mutch and Mr. A. R. Wise of this city are also a sister and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Dec. 30th 1941.

Legislature To Open At 3 p.m. Today

The fourth session of the 44th General Assembly of Prince Edward Island will be opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon by His Honor Lt.-Governor B.W. LePage. Following the example set at Ottawa the ceremony will be short of much of its pre-war display.

His Honor will be accompanied by his aides-de-camp Lt.-Col. J. Stewart, Major C.W. Campbell, Lt.-Commander M.G. McCarthy, R.C.N.V.R. and by his private secretary, Mr. Bruce Wonnacott. It is expected that the opening will be attended by Mr. LePage, Mr. White, D.S.O., Officer Commanding M.D. No. 6 will be present.

Others invited to accompany Lt.-Governor LePage into the Legislative Chamber are: Sub-Lieut. R. J. Morse and Sub-Lieut. H.C. Trotter of the R.C.N.V.R.; Major A.S. Robertson and Lt. J.W. Bell from No. 62 C.A. (B) T.C.; Wing Commander R.H. Warcup and Flying Officer D. V. O'Connor of the R.A.F.; Col. E.W. Johnstone of the 17th Reserve Armored Regiment; Lt.-Col. R.C. Chandler, Recruiting Officer; Maj. or Lt. Colonel M.C. Reynolds; Lt. A. Wright, R.C.M.P.; and Chief A. Birnie, City Police Force.

Following the opening of the Legislative Chamber sharply at 3 p.m. and will read the Speech from the Throne.

The address in reply to the Speech will be moved by Mr. George Saville, Fifth Kings, and seconded by Mr. Aenas Gallant, First Prince.

Two Jap Destroyers Sunk In Solomons

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—United States warships sank two Japanese destroyers Friday night, the Navy Department announced Saturday, when a light Jap Naval force tried to break up an American bombardment of enemy installations in the central Solomon Islands.

There were no American losses, the communication said.

Move To Impose Wartime Prohibition In United States

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP)—A move to impose national prohibition in the United States for the duration of the war by act of congress rather than by a constitutional amendment, was launched today by representative Joseph Bryson (Dem.-S.C.) who said his aim was to curb absenteeism from war plants.

In the senate, meanwhile, a committee studying a compulsory manpower bill heard from Greenville Clark, New York lawyer sponsoring the measure, a statement that drinking is one of the chief reasons for absenteeism among workers.

Clark suggested that liquor be rationed, "the way they do in Canada and England."

Bryson's bill, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which he is a member, would outlaw the manufacture, sale and transportation of liquor in the United States and possessions until the conclusion of the present war and thereafter until the termination of mobilization" as determined by the President.

Edward B. Dunford, attorney for the anti-liquor league, said in a statement that the liquor has not advocated and did not seek the "introduction" of the bill because it was a measure of the President's wartime powers has authority to restrict or prohibit liquor.

Both Bryson and Clark declared that the consumption of liquor per capita was greater in 1942 than ever before.

"MURDER CAMP"

LONDON, March 7—(CP)—Officials of the Polish Government said today 250 Poles are dying daily in a "murder camp" at Oswiecim, Poland, as a result of executions, inhuman treatment, hunger and epidemics.

Sixty Polish miners from upper Silesia accused of slowing their output, were taken to Oswiecim and shot in batches of 10 between Jan. 10 and Jan. 17, the officials charged.

Fighting Is Continuing In Tunisia

Rommel Suffers Heavy Losses In Battle; First Army Snatches Initiative From Von Arnim.

By Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Staff Writer

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 7—(AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's first two thrusts against Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 8th army bounced off the British defences in Southern Tunisia in a welter of blood and twisted tank wreckage, but the Germans continued to press the attack throughout Saturday and today and there are no indications that the battle has ended.

The Nazi Field Marshal failed to achieve the "surprise" he planned on Saturday in his first major attack against Gen. Montgomery since retreating nearly 2,000 miles from Egypt and his rebuilt Africa Corps suffered "very heavy losses" in men and material, an Allied communique said today.

At the same time the Anglo-American 1st army snatched the initiative from Col. Gen. Jürgen Von Arnim in Northern Tunisia, with intense patrol activity which saw more than 100 prisoners captured.

There were no late reports on the details of Rommel's losses, but in the early stages of the battle the Germans lost 21 tanks, compared with none for the British force.

These large losses, however, failed to halt Rommel's plan which was intended to cripple the 8th Army and thereby delay by weeks or perhaps months the Allied effort to oust him from Africa.

Despite bad weather which protected the movements of the Axis forces from the bombs of superior Allied air forces, crack British desert fighters were ready and waiting for the assaults which an Allied communique said was "decisively held."

For the most part, the battle has been between the 8th Army and German armored units, but British tanks also are known to be in action.

The Dakar radio broadcast a report heard in New York by CBS that French patrols "are now no more than three kilometres (nearly two miles) from Gafsa," southern Tunisia, the headquarters of the March line, but gave no source for the announcement.

Approximately 136 of our aircraft participated, the communique related. The enemy's air force employed approximately 150 planes of which 102 were definitely observed as put out of action. Our planes dropped 226 tons of bombs. Eighty direct hits were observed and 63 near misses or hits.

Our losses were one heavy bomber and three fighters shot down, a number seriously damaged, and others receiving minor damage.

Recent Japanese Losses Included 3 Light Cruisers

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, IN AUSTRALIA, March 7—(CP)—Three Japanese light cruisers were among the 22 ships lost by the enemy in the sinking of the Bismarck Sea convoy by Allied planes, the Allied command announced today.

Previous communique on the aerial annihilation of the New Guinea-bound convoy March 2-4 had listed the ships sunk as 10 warships and 12 transports, loaded with 15,000 troops, but had described the warships only as "cruisers or destroyers."

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News Briefs

LONDON, March 7—(CP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that when victory is won Canada "will be able to look back with just pride upon a record surpassed by none."

VADUZ, Liechtenstein, March 7—(AP)—Franz Joseph II, reigning prince of the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, was married today to Princess Gina Wilczek of Austria in a ceremony which transformed this tiny country situated in the heart of wartime Europe into a fairytale for a day.

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—The U. S. record-breaking naval construction program now is moving at such high speed, Navy Secretary Knox reported Saturday, that the entire projected five-ocean Navy will be in active service before the end of 1945. Previously it had been expected that at least some of the new warships might not be ready for combat until 1946 or 1947.

OTTAWA, March 6—(CP)—Municipalities Minister Howland announced last night that wood-cutting operations will this year have to be extended into the spring, the summer and even the early autumn if Canadians are to escape next winter "a wood fuel famine so serious that, unless immediate action is taken, many thousands may be unable to heat their homes adequately, families may be forced to vacate their homes and the health of others may be adversely affected."

IT'S FUNNY TO SEE A BALD HEADED MAN LISTENING TO A HAIR-RAISING STORY!



High tide this afternoon at 1:40 tonight at 1:30.

Sun sets this evening at 6:56 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:25.

First quarter moon March 13, 1:30 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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