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REMOVE SOME MEN AND SUPPLIES FROM SINGAPORE

Evolve New Set-Up For Reserve Army

Make Plans For Huge Beacon Night Program

Interesting events scheduled for Drill Hall Feb. 16; Lt.-Gov. LePage and Premier Campbell to light Victory Loan signal.

Inventor says Has device to Stop torpedoes

MELBOURNE, Feb. 6—(AP)—“Soon there'll be no torpedoes,” says an inventor who claims to have a device that will prevent any torpedo from reaching its target.

This sensational statement was made casually by Franklyn Barnes, inventor of the de-gaussing device for defence against magnetic mines on his return from England today.

Barnes said he had worked all the way out from England on plans to defeat torpedoes. He had been in England for more than four years and has had several other inventions accepted by the British government.

He claims to have an idea which reduces the effects of a torpedo to a rate of six miles an hour in a half that calibre. A mobile pill-box equipped with cannon and machine guns that will travel at a rate of eight miles an hour is another possibility Barnes is considering. To beat night bombers Barnes suggests a reflector device to aid night fighters.

Will probe Censors' action

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King today told the House of Commons he would investigate reports of action taken by the censors against a speech prepared for delivery in the Quebec East by-election campaign by Paul Bouchard, Independent candidate.

He was questioned by Conservative House leader Hanson who said he understood parts of the speech had been suppressed by the censor.

Mr. Hanson wanted to know if the suppressed parts were in violation of the Defence of Canada Regulations and if so, what action was to be taken “having regard to what was done in connection with the former mayor of Montreal.”

Mr. King said he had no knowledge of “what was said or censored.” These matters were difficult to handle in an election campaign when it would be easy to make mistakes, he said.

It would be necessary to trust largely to “the common sense of the people.”

U. S. Teachers to Distribute sugar Rationing cards

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—(AP)—Public school teachers tonight were given the huge task of issuing sugar rationing cards to every man, woman and child in the United States and were directed to “crack down” on hoarders by withholding the card from them until their supplies are used up.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced details of the rationing program under which books containing stamps will be distributed to each individual to a strictly limited quantity of sugar—probably 12 ounces a week.

When the 130,000,000 copies of “war ration book No. 1” are distributed within a week, the books which have built up hoards of sugar will have stamps torn from their books at the time of issuance, to prohibit purchase by such hoarders until stocks in their cupboards are exhausted.

Coming Events

- Valentine Dance in Bonshaw Hall February 12th, if stormy following night. L-92-2-7-11.
- Buying live and dressed poultry every Tuesday and Friday. F. J. Noy & Co., Hunter River. L-31-12-3-Wed-Sat-1f.
- Prince Edward Island Hospital take sale at Holman's Saturday, Feb. 7th by ladies of St. Peter's Cathedral. L-84-2-6-21.
- Cornwall-York Point Women's Institute pantry sale, Rogers Hardware Saturday, Feb. 7th. L-53-2-5-7.
- Require a quantity of well-finished beef cattle, steers and heifers to dress, 600 lbs or over. Island Cold Storage Co. L-746-1-24-1f.
- Buying young pigs at Fredericton Monday paying \$10.00 pair for pigs over 28 lbs each. Will also buy small ones. Knud Jorgensen. L-98-2-7-11.
- Loading hogs at Fredericton Tuesday until 9 A. M. at Brantford until 2 P. M. Knud Jorgensen. L-603-1-17-51.
- Lemuel Crazwell representative loading hogs at Hunter River every Tuesday forenoon. Highest market values paid. We set the prices, others follow. L-76-2-6-21.
- Farmers Attention! We require type young sows for breeding purposes. Will pay one cent per pound carcass weight basis in addition to our regular returns for all sows retained and approved by Government Inspectors. Livestock Marketing Board. L-117-2-7-21.

Arrange more Active role For reservists

Equivalent Of Four Divisions Will Be Organized In 11 Brigades; Men Under 19 And Over 35 Included In Those Eligible.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Outgivings of Herr Goebbels, one-man brain trust of Nazi propaganda, are necessarily subject to suspicion. Any time he admits that there is discontented murmuring in Germany, look for his real motives.

The Goebbels admission that there is grumbling over the reverses in Russia and the lack of food and fuel must be scanned in that light. His aim may be to stir public sentiment in the allied camp for a negotiated peace or to pave the way for the next Nazi offensive blow.

Any development that impeded prompt execution of the allied all-out war program would be grist for Hitler's mill. Goebbels' hints of wobbling German morale would be dangerous if they led to public apathy over the war effort in the allied camp due to a feeling that Germany was cracking-up internally anyhow.

What Hitler now needs urgently is a new front to take German minds off his ill-fated 1941 campaign in Russia. Where he expects to strike next to that end is problematical; but the Goebbels outgivings look like an effort on the nerve-war front to pave the way for a new stroke of arms somewhere. The peace suggestion was cunningly woven into it for that purpose.

Goebbels asked if the German public were polled on peace or war what his answer would be.

The answer would be unanimous: peace,” he answered himself.

But if the question put was fight or give in, he adds, it would be unanimously—fight.

That is an obvious attempt to stir up sentiment among the allied peoples for a negotiated peace—sentiment which might slow up the allied war preparations.

German Subs Take Mounting Toll Of Ships

Present losses highest in six months; Still below first Great War figure.

LONDON, Feb. 6—(CP)—German submarines, including those raiding United States coastal waters, are taking a mounting toll of allied shipping in the Atlantic, it was announced tonight by official British sources who predicted the force of U-boats in these waters “will be increased.”

These sources said that while present losses are the highest in six months, they did not yet approach the damage inflicted by U-boat raiders in the First Great War.

The intensity of U-boat operations in American shipping lanes was attributed to two factors:—

A large proportion of the German submarine fleet has been assigned to the western Atlantic. At least some of these craft might be getting their supplies from surface mother ships.

On one point the official sources were agreed—that “more U-boats are operating in the western Atlantic than ever before.”

Most of the crack Nazi submarine crews previously had been reported operating in the Mediterranean, where Axis shipping was said to have suffered heavily in spite of their protection.

Official sources said that the German might be sending supplies to Field Marshal Rommel's African army in ships chartered from the Vichy French, and that if any action were taken to intercept such vessels it would be done with the operation of the United States, which still maintains diplomatic relations with Vichy.

Chiefs of Staff Board set up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—(AP)—Washington became the official capital of the United Nations tonight when a “combined chiefs of staff” board was set up here to take charge of all joint Anglo-American action for the prosecution of the war.

It is intended to assure co-ordination of the war effort and its jurisdiction is to include, among other things, the production and distribution of war supplies. It will work in collaboration with representatives of other United Nations.

For the United States, the members are Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. George C. Marshall, the army chief of staff; Admiral E. J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet; and Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps.

The British representatives are Field Marshal Sir John Dill, former chief of the imperial general staff; Admiral Sir Charles Little; Lt. Gen. Sir Colville Wemyss, and Air Marshal A. T. Harris.

The new agency is similar in many respects to the inter-allied high command of the first Great War, but apparently possesses more actual power to act.

Ontario Liberals Support, oppose Meighen election

TORONTO, Feb. 6—(CP)—Members of the Ontario Liberal government supported and opposed Conservative leader Meighen's candidature in the York South by-election Feb. 9 in statements today that closely followed the resignation of Mines Minister Laurier from the Cabinet because of Premier Hepburn's support of Mr. Meighen.

Provincial Secretary Nixon came out in opposition to Mr. Meighen in a statement expressing the view that “it would be a national calamity if Arthur Meighen were returned to public life in South York on Monday.” At the same time he said he was not resigning, nor was he contemplating it. He added he did not know what the result of his statement would be to himself personally.

Commenting on Mr. Nixon's statement, Premier Hepburn said that “every member of the Cabinet is entitled to express his own opinions.”

At the same time, Attorney-General Conant expressed his support of the premier's action in campaigning for Mr. Meighen's election.

Canadian Corvette Sinks Submarine

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP)—A successful attack on a German U-boat by a Canadian corvette was described today by naval service headquarters. The sinking occurred several weeks ago and name of the Canadian vessel was not disclosed.

The navy announcement said the corvette was proceeding independently south of Iceland when it came upon a large convoy which was being attacked by enemy submarines.

The corvette started in pursuit of one of the submarines and finally sank it with depth-charges after narrowly evading torpedo hits from the fleeing U-boat.

Gen. McNaughton Praises Canadian Production ideas

Says Struggle in War Plants Of Paramount Importance.

International At A Glance

(Canadian Press)

SINGAPORE—Defence artillery shell Jap concentrations on mainland; island shelled by Japs.

RANGOON—R. A. F. downs 10 Jap air raiders.

CAIRO—R. A. F. hammer Rommel's force in desert.

WASHINGTON—U. S. fortifications fire on and silence Jap guns on Manila bay shore.

WASHINGTON—U. S. Britain establish “combined chiefs of staff” group; Philippine insurrectionist used as “quitting” in new effort to get U. S. surrender.

12 survive Tanker sinking

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 6 (AP)—Two nights of desperate struggle for life against an enemy submarine, spreading flames, bitter cold and a black sea, all within sight of this resort's gay lights, were related today by 12 men, only known survivors of the latest tanker torpedoing.

Twenty-six men were missing from the crew of the American-owned India Arrow, 8327-ton tanker sunk off the Atlantic coast Wednesday evening.

Two cod fishermen who had braved a fog-bound inlet for their daily chore found the survivors' lifeboat 12 miles off Ocean City this morning and towed it here.

Honorable Discharge Badges Now Ready

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP)—General service badges for those “honorably discharged” from the armed forces now are ready for issue, it was learned today.

Badges for those who have been turned down after volunteering for service are expected to be issued about Feb. 21 and an announcement is expected to be made by Defence Department officials within a few days.

Hepburn offers To quit if...

By Daniel De Luce
Associated Press Staff Writer

RANGOON Burma, Feb. 6 (AP)—In a swift and effective shift from offence to defence the Royal Air Force and the American volunteer group broke up a chain of vicious Japanese raids on the Burma Road port today by destroying at least 10 and probably 20 raiders, up to two-thirds of the attacking force.

Their victory came in daylight, after Rangoon had been pounded all night by waves of enemy raiders in the third consecutive overnight attack. The last raid, at 9:50 a.m., was the seventh wave, involving 30 enemy planes, and when it was over this was the official score for the defenders:—

American volunteer group: Seven certainly shot down; five probably R.A.F.; Three certainly shot down.

Killed By Train While Enroute To Church

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Feb. 6—(CP)—Edward Nadeau, 74, was killed instantly here tonight when struck by the westbound Moncton-Campbellton train of the Canadian National Railways while walking to a church service.

He was partially deaf and apparently failed to hear or see the train. Nadeau once resided at Chandler, Que., and before his retirement worked at Ste. Ann De Restigouche, Que.

Hepburn Names New Mines Minister

TORONTO, Feb. 6—(CP)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn announced today that Hon. Peter Heenan, Ontario Minister of Labor has been appointed acting minister of mines, replacing Hon. Robert Laurier who resigned last night.

Mr. Heenan will be sworn in as acting minister next Tuesday when Mr. Hepburn returns to the legislative buildings, and will carry his dual portfolios until a successor is named.

Commander Says No Intention To Abandon Island

Some ships and planes left to carry out more effective operations from other places.

Will make stand Short of Tobruk

(By C. Yates McDaniel, Associated Press Staff Writer)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 6—Some of the men, planes, ships and supplies have been removed from the Singapore naval base and from several airfields on this beleaguered island because they could not operate under Japanese shell fire, Lt. Gen. A. E. Percival, commander of imperial land forces here, disclosed tonight at the end of a week of siege.

But he said firmly: “We will hold Singapore! There is no question about it.”

“Just because we do not see so many of our aircraft overhead and our naval units about does not mean the air force and navy have abandoned Singapore,” added Gen. Percival.

“They have gone to places whence they can bomb Japanese bases just as effectively and build up our naval strength. The navy is continuing to do a lot of work around the island and Malayan shores under difficult circumstances.”

Gen. Percival's disclosure—some people in Singapore have known it for several days—came as troops patrolled the island against the threat of attempted parachute invasion. British batteries roared into action, laboring under enemy dive-bombing assaults, while the Jap salvo after salvo across the Johore strait into Japanese troop concentrations on the Malayan mainland.

As Gen. Percival spoke, a pillar of smoke rising from burning oil tanks to the north marked the scene of the great Singapore naval base, a bastion that was 20 years in the building at a cost of tens of millions of pounds sterling.

The navy's reserve of nearly 1,000 British troops who had been cut

Propaganda Minister says Nazis complain

BERNE, Feb. 6—(AP)—Germans are grumbling about reverses in Russia and because they are short of coal and potatoes. Propaganda Minister Goebbels admitted today in the Nazi journal Das Reich.

He explained it by saying the people are “overworked and irritable.”

“It doesn't matter whether one wants to curse things occasionally,” Goebbels said. “The reasons may be varied. One complains of the cold, another of the shortage of potatoes or coal, a third about the over-crowded trains, a fourth about the eastern front, a fifth about the war in Africa. All this really is not bad because we all are overworked and irritable.”

(In Washington, the agriculture department said that early fall frosts had cut German potato production 200,000,000 bushels and that the Nazis face a possible rationing of this food, one of the principal items on their diet.)

Three local men Members of war Finance Group

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP)—Finance Minister Ilesley tonight announced the names of the 57 members of the recently-formed National War Finance Committee which operates under the chairmanship of G. W. Spinney, Montreal.

The committee was established to organize the sale of government securities for war funds, informatics and co-ordinate the functions previously performed by the War Savings and Victory Loan organizations.

“For the present,” said Mr. Ilesley, “the activities of the committee are mainly centred on the forthcoming \$600,000,000 Victory Loan which will be offered for public subscription Feb. 16 next.”

Decision to form the committee was announced by Mr. Ilesley last September.

In addition to the members named in tonight's statement, Mr. Ilesley said others might be appointed as the National War Finance Committee develops.

The members include: Saint John, N.B.: G. E. Barbour, F. J. Brennan, D. Lawrence MacLaren; Halifax: W. I. Macdougall, Hon. F. B. McCurdy, W. K. McKee; Charlottetown: W. H. V. Dunbar, E. T. Higgs, E. W. MacKinnon.

No Confirmation Of Tokyo Reports

LONDON, Feb. 6—(CP)—Authoritative Netherlands informatics said today there is no confirmation from any quarter of the Tokyo reports that two Netherlands cruisers had been sunk and a third damaged.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 6—(CP)—The city of Saint John will operate a bus service and negotiate for the purchase of at least 20 buses, the common council decided today. Legislation will be sought to empower the city to set up a transportation commission. The councilors expressed opinion that Saint John had suffered too long from inadequate transportation facilities.

R.A.F. And Yank Fighters Break Vicious Jap Raids

Probably two-thirds of Nipponese Bombers in day raid on Rangoon are shot down.

Hepburn Names New Mines Minister

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP)—Debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will be resumed in the House of Commons Monday afternoon with G. H. Ross (Lab. Calgary East) the first speaker.



TORONTO, Feb. 6—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

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| Dawson | 5 | — |
| Victoria | 37 | 50 |
| Edmonton | 7 | 29 |
| Regina | 4 | — |
| Winnipeg | 7B | 0 |
| Toronto | 26 | 33 |
| Ottawa | 18 | 27 |
| Montreal | 23 | 30 |

Synopsis: The weather has been cloudy and mild over the greater part of Ontario though it has become colder in the northwest. It has been mostly fair and colder in Manitoba with snowfalls in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

High tide this afternoon at 2:56 and tomorrow morning at 3:31.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:16 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:12.

Last quarter moon Feb. 8, 9:53 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.