

Escaped German Prisoner Is Held By U. S. Officials

BANGOR, Me., July 31.—(AP)—The first German prisoner of war to escape to the United States while en route to internment in Canada was saved by international law today from being handed back to British authorities.

But 25-year-old Kurt Reich, a captured submarine machinist's mate was still held in the county jail here for deportation action.

After he leaped overboard from a British ship in the St. Lawrence River July 15 and swam to safety, a United States border patrol seized him at the Maine border.

Attorney Arthur Teale of Boston had him freed of illegal entry charges under an international law holding that a neutral power receiving escaped prisoners of war shall allow them liberty.

Reich was the second of the hundreds of war prisoners taken to Canada reported as escaped en route to internment. The other, a British Guards sergeant, was rescued through a port-hole—"seized himself" British guards said—and was lost at sea.

In Ottawa, the internment operations branch of the State Department said no German prisoners had escaped Canadian authorities, indicating they held the British authorities responsible for internees until they are landed in Canada.

Harold Riley To Command M. D. No. 10

OTTAWA, July 31.—(CP)—Harold Riley, prominent Winnipeg lawyer and businessman, has been gazetted brigadier and appointed officer commanding Military District No. 10 at Winnipeg, Defence Minister Ralston announced tonight.

The appointment of Brigadier Riley, who had an outstanding military record in the first Great War, is a break with tradition, the announcement said.

"Only rarely, in the past, has such a senior appointment fallen to other than a member of the permanent staff," Ralston said.

Only last Monday, Col. Ralston, in his speech in the House of Commons, said: "We must enlist and use the ablest men on staff and in executive positions which this country can provide."

Brig. Riley won the Distinguished Service Order and two bars during the last war.

He won all his decorations as a battalion officer in the line, either in command of a company or of a battalion. He served at the front continuously from Sept. 17, 1915 until the end of the war with the exception of a brief period in 1916 when he was wounded.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty he was awarded the D. S. O.

Later as a battalion commander he was awarded the first bar to the D. S. O. for conspicuous gallantry and able leadership.

At Cambrai in 1918, he won the second bar to the D. S. O. "For conspicuous courage and ability in command of his battalion. In the attack on high castles. Throughout the operations he set a very fine example to all under him."

Brigadier Riley was born at Winnipeg in 1867 and began his military career in 1914 with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. At the outbreak of the war he was appointed lieutenant of the 27th battalion of the Canadian Infantry. He served in England early in 1915, proceeding to France a few months later. He was wounded by shrapnel in April 1916. Returning to his battalion he was appointed acting major in command of a company and, later, rose to the command of his battalion.

WEATHER FORECAST—For August 1 to 7 fair and warm; 8 to 15 mostly fair with some thunder storms; 16 to 21 cloudy with heavy rain; 22 to 26 fair and warmer; 27 to 31 quite cool and cloudy.

P.E.I. LIGHTHOUSE IN CAMP—The P.E.I. Lighthouse go into camp this morning at the Ordnance grounds on Brighton Road under the command of Lt.-Col. E. Johnson, Long River, with Major F. M. Nash, Charlottetown, second in command. The unit, numbering 26 officers and 357 men will undergo a three weeks training course to fit them to operate as a mechanized cavalry unit, handling armored cars and light tanks. There are three squadrons: Capt. F. W. Hyndman, Charlottetown, will be in command of "A" Squadron, Capt. O. W. Campbell, Winkler, of "B" Squadron and Capt. John Mustard, Cardigan, of "C" Squadron. Capt. D. S. Montgomery, Port Hill, is permanent adjutant of the unit; Capt. N. W. Leother is gallant paymaster; Lieut. D. E. Gwynne, paymaster. This unit is a member of the non-permanent active militia.

Urges Embargo On Apples From Canada

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 31.—(CP)—Governor Clarence D. Martin of Washington State telegraphed President Roosevelt and other federal officials today urging immediate action to establish a quota or embargo that will limit the importation of apples from Canada.

The Governor charged there is a movement afoot in Canada to take advantage of the American market by sending thousands of carloads of Canadian apples. He said the rate of exchange offsets the tariff on Canadian apples entering the United States.

He is being held by the United States immigration authorities, investigating his case with a view to deporting him. Officials here said they were communicating with the United States officials.

No details of the escape were available here.

No Prisoners Of War Escaped From Canada

OTTAWA, July 31.—(CP)—An official of the internment operations branch of the State Department said today that no German prisoners of war have escaped from Canada. Authorities here received news, however, indicated that Kurt Reich, 25-year-old German prisoner, held at Bangor, Me., escaped from British authorities, he said.

Reich, listed in British prisoner rolls as machinist's mate of a submarine, apparently leaped from a transport carrying him up the St. Lawrence River July 15, and made his escape to the United States.

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Reports May Be Smoke Screen To Hide Invasion

BERNE, Switzerland, July 31.—(AP)—Nazi and Fascist sources in Switzerland today claimed that German and Italian troops are concentrating along 800 miles of the continental coast, but still the most authoritative word heard was that the German attempt to cross the channel against Britain would not be attempted at once.

The Fascist journalist, Virginia Gayda, writing in Il Giornale D'Italia, a publication that often speaks for Mussolini, admitted that "the spectacular lightning campaign" so familiar in German strategy against Poland, Holland, Belgium, France and the like would not work against Britain.

"It (the campaign) must be one of constant hammering and exhaustion," he said.

This exposition won acceptance in some quarters here as the real view of the axis powers, and some thought it raised the odds on Britain's chances to defend herself successfully and achieve eventual victory.

Some sources said the Gayda editorial might have been intended to mislead and to give an imminent attempted invasion as much the element of surprise as possible. Indications that the attempt might be close at hand included:

1. From Vichy, France, it was reported that postal, telephone and telegraph communication in the German-occupied areas of France had been suspended. This would be a normal prelude to operations against Britain.

2. Italian troops and planes were said to be at North Sea and English Channel bases, and Italy's share in the coming invasion was reported by Fascist sources: "The Italian army to participate mainly in a 'token' way, but the Fascist air force in large numbers. Italy so was said to be moving 36-foot 'pocket' submarines into Germany for use in the channel.

3. Weather conditions are improving generally over Western Europe.

Local Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Colonel H. D. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 30th, while visiting their son and daughter at Lac Marois, fifty miles north of Montreal.

A large number of relatives and friends called to pay their respects or sent messages of congratulation.

Colonel and Mrs. Johnson were guests of honour at a dinner for fourteen at the Alpine Inn, Ste. Marguerite, in the Laurentian Mountains. Their five grandchildren added to the happiness of the occasion.

The couple, happily married for fifty years, leave this week by motor car to return to Charlottetown.

War Efforts Still Too Tardy Says Hanson

OTTAWA, July 31.—(CP)—If old methods will not produce the war equipment Canada needs with the speed called for by the present "direful urgency," then some other methods must be devised, Conservative Leader Hanson declared today.

"If it is going to take years to procure the equipment which complies with traditional requirements, then we must use our ingenuity to find some way of facing the danger with new weapons," he said.

"Germany will not wait for us to complete our leisurely production of equipment," he said. "If the equipment we think we need cannot be made rapidly, then we must use the mental vigor of this young nation to conceive new methods of defence, having regard to the weapons of attack we would be called upon to face."

More than anything else, Canada needs today new ideas and new plans for defence, he said. The invention of the British tank was the greatest single factor in the allied victory in the last war.

"If the lessons of the last war are not to be forgotten, we must devote to experiments with completely new devices. It should be the business of our government, as in other, many of the revolutionary inventions were the product of civilian minds."

He expressed the contention that members had the right to know what steps were being taken to provide Canada's defence forces with the latest equipment. He was not impressed with the contention that such information should be withheld as of possible use to the enemy.

NAZI RAIDER

Italian forces in the Dodecanese Islands, was intercepted Sunday evening by British warships.

"Soon after the character of the ship and the contraband nature of her cargo had been established a heavy Italian air attack on our forces developed," the Admiralty said.

"The commander of our forces was accordingly compelled to slip the Hermione by gunfire after the captain and crew had been removed."

The statement added that the weather was fine and the crew, who stated they were in no need of assistance, proceeded in their boats to land which was nearby.

60 Recruits Entertained At Armouries

A party of about 60 recruits for training centres of the militia last night were entertained in the Armouries with a concert and lunch. The arrangements were under the management of Albert Dineen, Canadian Legion entertainment officer, and Gordon MacDonald, chairman of the C.I.O. On Canada Corps committee.

The D.A. pipe band furnished some of the music and the High School band was danced by Mary Macdonald, R.C.A.S.C. High School, and other girls. The band was led by Mr. MacDonald. A pleasing feature of the party was a sketch "The Bar-room" by Peake, White and Woods. The well done, and the actors deserve a lot of credit for their work.

After the concert, the recruits and entertainers were served lunch. The entertainment was the good thing of the night. The recruits were entertained by patriotic citizens of the city. Cigarettes were distributed at the station by the Canadian Corps. The West Bay School band led the parade of recruits to the station. The station and expressions of affection for the work this boys' band doing were heard on all sides.

British Children In U.S. Declare War's a 'Bit of a Bother, You Know'

By TOM WOLF

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THE VICAR FORGOT

HARBY, Eng.—(CP)—Parashotists ran for rifles from the church bells in this Leicestershire village began to ring. They were relieved to find that the vicar had rung the bells merely from "force of habit."

According to a recent survey, 42 per cent, or approximately 50,000, of the population of the United States would like to learn to fly.

Hitler's

fighters found the "enemy" strategy the most deft and behind the scenes. They were the advance guard of the Luftwaffe, pushing on London while reinforcements were brought to their support by sea and air.

Once contact was made with the enemy, the defenders were the highly colored British aircraft, and the battle between British and German warships in which it is claimed that several British warships sustained direct hits and suffered damage.

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Colored Italian Stories

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CHASE NAIRN

BUENOS AIRES, July 31.—(AP)—British warcraft were reported off the Brazilian coast tonight in hot pursuit of a German merchant raider damaged by the British merchant cruiser Alcantara in a brief sea battle which returned war action to the western hemisphere.

Official information was sparse, but word from naval circles here, in Montevideo and Rio de Janeiro agreed that the engagement occurred in the dusk of Monday evening near the Brazilian coast of Trinidad, (not the British Trinidad), and that both ships were hit.

British sources in Rio de Janeiro said the 29,000-ton Alcantara, her speed reduced by what the admiralty in London described as a "tucky" shot suffered while she was in pursuit of the German, was heading into Rio de Janeiro.

Some observers believed the unit which took up the chase where the Alcantara left off were in considerable strength.

Belief was expressed that the Alcantara caught the Nazi raider near the Brazilian coast and possibly re-fitted in the British Trinidad, which frequently was used as a German secret base in the first great war.

It was indicated that the shell which struck the raider exploded in the engine room.

The problem of the pursuing British warcraft was whether the raider had fled a sword or was seeking shelter along the rough Brazilian coastline.

The flight of Monday evening paralleled the classic struggle of 10-11 between the German armed merchant ship Cap Trafalgar and the British armed cruiser Camarilla off Trinidad Island, which is 800 miles east of Rio de Janeiro.

The German, making one of at least seven attempts to escape, was caught and destroyed by Cap Trafalgar after a day-long fight. That historic fight was called "the battle of the haystacks" because of the towering superstructures of both vessels were so torn by shellfire as to resemble high tottering piles of burning straw.

The island of Trinidad is composed of three sharp and inaccessible peaks. It is a volcanic island, and by the wild goat and the jaguar which are descendants of those loosed there in 1700 by the explorer Falley.

Neither here nor in the London admiralty announcement was it possible to identify the German vessel fought by the Alcantara.

(In New York, some shipping authorities said the circumstances suggested that it was likely the 10,000-ton Narvik, a German raider once suspected of flying the Swedish flag. The Narvik is understood to have disappeared six-inch guns under canvas.)

SENATE GIVES UNEMPLOYMENT BILL 2ND READING

OTTAWA, July 30.—(CP)—The Senate gave second reading to the Unemployment Insurance Bill today without division but before the House had passed the measure. Senator Meighen said that he would urge the Senate committee on Banking and Commerce give the bill thorough consideration regardless of how long it took and how hot the weather was.

If the Senate insists on calling all the witnesses before the committee who appeared before the Commons committee the end of the session may be delayed. The last no time in getting along with its job and called a meeting on the bill for 8 p.m.

Government leader Dandurand invited second reading and gave a resume of arguments submitted by industry and labor when the bill was before the special committee of Commons. He emphasized the arguments in favor of setting an employment insurance law in operation at this time when unemployment was at a high point to build up a fund for use when unemployment might fall off after the war.

Senator Meighen protested against the bill being brought down so late in the session and said the measure should have been introduced in the Senate in May.

The situation was entirely different from that which a similar bill was introduced, said Senator Meighen. "We are in the blackest days of the blackest war the world has ever known." Embarking on this great new plan of social insurance, he said, "we are not very serious in this life and death struggle."

He approved the principle of the bill but said he would have considerable reservations in operation in an agreement to the conflict itself.

SHOT BY HIS GUN

LONDON.—(CP)—A ten-year-old evacuee, Leslie Whitaker, was accidentally shot and killed at Charlton, St. Giles, by Leslie's father when the boy went to a cherry orchard to scare birds.

MEIBOURNE, Australia.—(CP)—George Symon, who enlisted in Melbourne, was the last of seven brothers to join up. Their father was killed in the last war, in which two of the brothers also fought.

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ESTONIAN SHIP ORDERED TO RUSSIA

BERLIN, July 31.—(AP)—A dispatch from Tallinn carried by D.N.B., the German propaganda agency, said tonight that the Estonian ministry of Economics had ordered Estonian ships en route to the United States and Canada to turn about and proceed to the Russian Arctic port of Murmansk.

Estonian ships in the Pacific were instructed to go to Vladivostok, Russian far eastern port. All were ordered to raise the Russian flag.

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will be formally merged into the Soviet Union, perhaps tomorrow when the supreme Soviet meets at Moscow.

Use Minard's for dandruff.

UP SHE GOES!

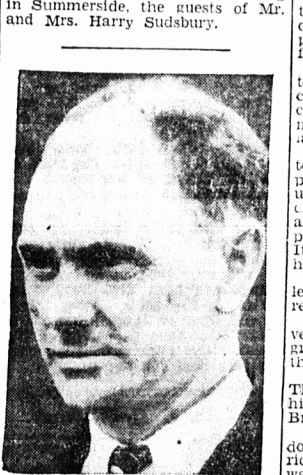
An airplane that needs no runway for its take off was demonstrated successfully recently by the Pitcairn Autogiro Company, pioneer rotor plane manufacturer, at Willow Grove, Pa. The product of three years' experimentation, the new machine was described by Harold F. Pitcairn, president of the company, as a plane "completely independent of ground obstacles or size" for its takeoff and landing.

AWARDED DAMAGES

MAIDSTONE, Eng.—(CP)—Accidentally shot by a soldier while being shown a Bren gun, Barbara Benstead, 20, of Dover, was awarded damages to the amount of £1,625 (\$7,426).

TOO LATE TO CLASIFY

THE LATE CHERRIES WILL BE available next week at Cudmore Stores, P. S. Reeves, L-203-8-1-31.



BRINGS FAMILY THROUGH

Brigadier Harold Riley, captain of the King's Own, left to leave Tromsø hurriedly under the cover of darkness or even navigation charts. Nevertheless he brought his family to Canada where he hopes to find a new home.

Newsman Re-form Ranks, Visit British Defences

PAWTUCKET, R. I., July 31.—(AP)—R. J. Reynolds' Guy Barnes, making his second start of the season, won the National Stake for two-year-old trotters here today with Will Caton driving.

The stake went three heats with Guy Barnes in the lead in the deciding mile. This filly won the second heat after Guy Barnes had taken the first. The third heat sent her into a quarter-mile dash for the first two heats. The purse was \$4,804.32.

The Beryl Farm's Little Pat won the first division pace of the Trotting Club Stake in straight heats but gained his first place in the second heat through the disqualification of B. C. Mayo's Chief Counsel which finished on top. His driver, Dell Miller, was suspended for 10 days for beating the gate.

News Briefs

- (By The Canadian Press)
- BUENOS AIRES — Sharp sea battle between British armed merchant cruiser Alcantara and mysterious German commerce raider sunk, damaged German raider Alcantara, cutting her speed, reports indicate clash was off Brazilian island of Trinidad.
- LONDON — Navy sinks Greek tanker Hermione carrying 100 tons of oil; destroyer Delight sunk by enemy air attack; planes believed to be Italian bomb Gibraltar; German raiding ship off England; R.A.F. in attack on military objectives in France, Holland, Germany; Germans lost 240 planes during July.
- LONDON — Britain extends blockade of Europe from Arctic to Africa. Issues regulations limiting Spain and Portugal to supplies for domestic use only.
- BERNE — German and Italian troops concentrating along 800 miles of continental coast, Swiss report; Fascist editor Virginia Gayda claims time not yet ripe for blitzkrieg on England.
- VICHY — All postal, telephone and telegraphic communication with occupied France from unoccupied region forbidden by Nazis, effective at midnight.
- ST. HYACINTHE, Que., July 31 — CP.—THEIONS of fur-bearing animals will be held in Quebec Province this autumn with the permission of Hon. Adelaire Godbout, Premier and Minister of Agriculture. Dr. Arthur Rajotte told the Fur Breeders' Association here.
- Dr. Rajotte, President of the association, told members annual exhibitions provided the best record of progress in the \$300,000 provincial fur industry. It is said there were 7,000 fur farmers in the province.
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BRITISH

merchant fleet the world has ever seen.

The volume of shipping handled by the big London docks has not been curtailed by German bombardment but by the natural inroads of the war on the world's shipping, British officials said.

In his broadcast, Mr. Cross pointed to the construction in Canadian yards, strengthening Britain's own building, and to the 100,000-man merchant navy Britain has in service, assisted by hundreds of seamen from great sea-faring nations such as Norway and Holland.

German Attempts Ineffective

Authoritative British sources announced that Germany's attempts to gain power over and under the sea have been totally ineffective against large-scale troop movements between parts of the Empire since the threat of the war.

The same statement applied to Italian naval and sea power in the Mediterranean these sources said.

Not a ship was sunk, nor a life lost through "enemy action" in any of the great movements of men on giant liners and smaller craft in the deploying of the Empire's manpower, they said.



MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

John E. Heward, Westmont, Que., is one of four acting sub-lieutenants of the R.C.N.V.R. mentioned in dispatches for successful activities abroad. This is but one of many occasions in this war when officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy have distinguished themselves by displaying gallantry in the face of danger," said Rear-Admiral Percy W. Nelles, chief of naval staff.

BIRTHS

MAXON.—At the Orange Memorial Hospital, New Jersey, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Maxon, formerly Alcide Gillis, of Norboro, P. E. I., a son.

MARRIAGES

SELLAR-McLURE.—At 54 Fitzroy St., Charlottetown on Wednesday, July 31, 1940, by Rev. Donald C. Boothroyd, Miss Doris Reta McLure of North Hill to Mr. Theo Alexander Sellar of Wheatley River.

DEATHS

ARSENALTI.—At Summerside on July 31, 1940, Benjamin Arsenault, aged 27 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Arsenault. Funeral this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of his parents to St. Paul's Church.

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