



KEY DEFENCES OF DAMASCUS FALL TO ALLIES

CHARGE FRENCH SHIPS ARE AIDING NAZIS

Grim story of 23 days in open boat

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP)—A grim story of 23 days in an open boat during which 43 men died and 23 others were killed, as the survivors of the sunken British liner Britannia, third officer of the party which arrived on the Brazilian liner Caru, declined to be rescued, and the others, who included Lascar seamen and Hindu and Moslem merchants, told the story.

On March 27, en route to Bombay from Liverpool, the 8,790-ton Britannia sighted a German raider eight miles away.

Though the Britannia had only four inch guns against the raider's six-inch guns, the Britannia's captain, (believed to have been Captain Alexander Colle) decided to fight it out.

The Britannia shot 12 ineffectual rounds before she was mortally wounded by 70 shots from the raider. Three hundred passengers and 30 crewmen crowded into four open boats. There were 82 in MacVicar's.

Because wind and current favored MacVicar set his course for the Azores. A 1,500 miles away from the Azores, he was forced to turn back to the west.

Twenty-three days passed during which MacVicar doled out an ounce of water and one biscuit daily to each man. One by one 44 men died from wounds received in the battle or from exposure.

Finally the 38 survivors beached their boat near Sao Louis.

Death yesterday of Mrs. William Yould

KENTVILLE, N. S., June 15 (CP)—Mrs. William Yould, 81, died today from the effects of a broken hip suffered two weeks ago. Her husband is a former mechanical superintendent of the old Windsor and Annapolis railway. He survives. Mrs. A. W. Hyndman of Charlottetown is a daughter.

STRIKE CONTINUES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15 (AP)—Continuing their five weeks of strike, members of the striking A.F. of L. and C.I.O. machinists union today voted down proposals to return to work in 11 San Francisco bay area shipyards.

Coming Events

- Show—Morell Tuesday, L-340-6-14-21.
- Show—St. Peter's Wednesday, L-340-6-14-21.
- "On Promise Me" will be at Kingston June 19th. Don't miss it.
- Dance Lorne Valley Tuesday, June 17th. Webster's Orchestra, L-473-6-14-21.
- Dance Millvale School, Tuesday, June 17th. If not fine, Wednesday, L-514-6-16-11.
- Hunter River presents "Civil Service", Seven Mile Bay Hall, Tuesday, June 17. Dance follows Wednesday, L-498-6-14-31.
- Dance Grand View hall, Wednesday, June 18, L-534.
- Reserve July 1st, Greenvale festival, L-530.
- Rebekahs meet at Exhibition, Tuesday, 6:30 to attend Torch Celebration, Seats reserved, L-527.
- "The Maid From Missouri" by Ligonian Players of Charlottetown at Rustico, Monday, June 16, L-442-6-13-31.
- Come to the ice cream and dance in Kelly's Ice Hall Monday, June 16. Good music, L-495-6-14-21.
- Come to Fredrickton Hall Monday night, June 16th and see "Here Comes the Doctor" by Marshfield-Dunstaffnage Y. P. U. L-469-6-14-21.
- Wanted to buy prime cattle phone or write for price. Signed Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. L-242-5-21-1f.
- Display of Guide Sewing for the children of the St. Trinity School. Also afternoon tea, Trinity Social Hall, Wednesday, June 18th, 1:30-6:00 o'clock, 25 cents. L-510-6-16-11.

PROVINCE MAKES BIG GAIN IN DRIVE

Grand total of \$1,264,250 reached as canvassers conclude work Saturday; Workers confident objective will be attained.

Victory Loan workers put in a heavy day on Saturday and when the shades of evening arrived they were tired but quite an elated group. Confident—yes supremely confident that the Provincial objective of \$1,500,000, would be reached well before the end of this week and that Charlottetown's objective of \$550,000 could, with a strong push and a will to win on the part of everybody, be arrived at by noon tomorrow.

If so it is probable some form of small celebration will take place near Victory Loan Headquarters and it is possible that the band of the 66th Brigade, consisting of 60 pieces, may take part in that celebration.

This, of course, will not in any way compete with the Torch Celebration later on in the afternoon which will, in all probability, be the greatest parade in the city's history. Figures released Saturday evening disclosed that the Provincial total had jumped to \$1,264,250—Charlottetown to \$568,150 and the remainder of Queen's County to \$180,150. King's County total \$132,350 while Summerside has gone

Report Soviets Call general Mobilization

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP)—An unconfirmed report that Soviet Russia has declared general mobilization and cancelled all army leaves was related tonight by Martin Agronsky, National Broadcasting Company correspondent in Turkey, during a broadcast from Ankara.

Agronsky said it was also reported without confirmation in Ankara that a British force striking through Syria from the Mediterranean Sea, probably during the week ending Saturday, would reach the important northern Syrian city of Aleppo.

Three fatally Injured in Car-Bus crash

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 15 (CP)—Three persons suffered fatal injuries and four others were hurt at Saturday night in a collision of a bus and a passenger automobile on a concrete bridge at South Bay, four miles from here.

The dead: Miss Irene Foley, aged about 30, Saint John, formerly of Newcastle, N. B., until recently she was a hotel waitress here. She was dead upon arrival at hospital.

Joseph O'Quinn, Penobscus, who died about 4 a. m.

Alison Goddard, Saint John, who died shortly before noon.

The injured: Russell Goddard, Penobscus, brother of Alison. He suffered serious head injuries, the extent of which had yet to be learned.

George Kingston, White's Mills, Kings County, who also suffered head injuries. His condition was reported "much improved."

Robert Amland, Saint John. His condition was reported "fair."

Edward VanWart, Saint John, who suffered facial lacerations and was the least seriously hurt.

Amland and VanWart were passengers in the SMT bus, bound for Fredericton from Saint John. The other victims were in a large car.

An inquest will be held tomorrow night.

Police quoted witnesses as saying

Torch day Program here Tomorrow

Following is the symbolic Torch Day Celebration program at the Exhibition Grounds, Charlottetown, Tuesday evening, June 17.

A massed band of the 9th Highland Brigade will play during the intermission between the arrival of the troops and commencement of the program.

7:00 Arrival of Lieut.-Governor B. W. LePage.

7:20 Entry of Symbolic Torch Bearers and Escort.

7:06 "O Canada."

7:08 Opening Remarks—His Worship Mayor B. Roy Holman.

7:10 Address—His Honour Lieut.-Governor B. W. LePage.

7:13 Prayer for Victory—Capt. the Rev. J. W. McCardie.

7:16 Community Singing—Onward Christian Soldiers.

7:20 Address—Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, L.L.D.

7:24 Community Singing—The Maple Leaf Forever.

7:29 Recitation—For England—Composed by a Sister of C. N. D. The Senior Pupils.

Songs—Where the Bee Sucks—from "The Tempest," Shakespeare. Belle Nuit—from "Tales of Hoffman." The Notre Dame Chor.

7:35 Torch Day Address—Premier the Hon. Thane A. Campbell, K.C., M.L.A.

7:43 Community Singing—There'll Always be an England.

7:45 Address—Major General C. B. Price, D.S.O., D.C.M., V.D.

7:52 The Bridge—Capt. the Rev. E. M. Malone.

7:54 Address—Brigadier C.E. Connolly, D.S.O.

7:59 Signing the Scroll—Parade of Symbolic Torch.

8:00—The words of the Torch in the words of Colonel McRae's immortal poem, "In Flanders Fields," by Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., V.D., Veteran of World War One and besides the Bridge—Dedicated now serving in His Majesty's Forces.

8:05 God Save the King.

All times mentioned are daylight saving.

Cargoes of Ground nuts Predominate

LONDON, June 15 (AP)—The Admiralty announced tonight that the destroyer Jersey has been sunk by a mine.

The Jersey was of the Javelin class of 1,600 tons and was built in 1939.

Her normal complement was 183 men.

She was the 50th destroyer Britain has lost in the war and was the second warship sunk under Lt. Cmdr. A. P. Burnell-Nugent.

The British destroyer was commanded, was announced last Aug. 26 to have been sunk, also by a mine.

The Admiralty's announcement was its second listing the Jersey as a war casualty. On Dec. 7, 1939, she was reported damaged by a submarine torpedo, which killed 10 men and injured 12.

The Jersey was of the relatively new Javelin class, the ships of which carry six 4.7 inch guns and 10 21-inch torpedo tubes. She was listed as a 39-knot destroyer.

Expect Fall Of Both Lebanese, Syrian Capitals

Fresh advances made by British and Free French; Indications Axis entering battle.

(By Ernest Agnew, Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, June 15 (AP)—British and Free French forces took the key defences of Damascus at Kissouh today and in an encircling movement advanced to within five miles on two sides of the Syrian capital, British reports from the Levant said tonight.

At the same time a column advancing up the central front captured Jezzine and forced French (Vichy) troops in the coastal city of Sidon, 10 miles to the west, to fall back to within 12 miles of Beirut, the Lebanese capital and chief port.

The advances were made despite reports indicating the Axis is attempting to throw both sea and air forces into the battle to support the faltering French.

Capture of Sidon, Jezzine and Kissouh all key defences to Beirut and Damascus, meant the British and Free French commands had straightened out their line of penetration to a uniform depth of about 50 miles all the way from the coast to Damascus and apparently meant that the fall of the two capitals could not be long delayed.

After taking Kissouh, 10 miles south of Damascus, where the Vichy forces made a stand of several days, the British and Free French troops moved on to Nahia and crossed the Aswad River to within five miles of the gates of Damascus.

At the same time a circling column fought a flanking battle to the north and east of Damascus, and reached a point within five miles of the capital from that direction.

Jezzine was taken by troops striking inland from the coast. In that position they threatened both Damascus from the west and Sidon from the east.

French reports also admitted the fall of Abou Kemal, border post.

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R.A.F. Has Week-end Crammed With Activity

By Pat Usher
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 15 (CP)—The Royal Air Force in a week-end of activity carried out extensive daylight sweeps in considerable strength over the English Channel and Northern France, battered German industry for the fourth consecutive night and today dropped torpedoes against an enemy convoy off the Netherlands coast, probably sinking a 6,000-ton vessel.

This contrasted with the inactivity of the Nazis who paid only brief visits to Britain Saturday night. Today an enemy plane came through the defences to drop bombs on East Anglia, causing slight damage.

An Air Ministry communique told of the series of sweeps carried out by aircraft of the fighter command in day raids Saturday over the Channel and German-held French points.

Airfields at St. Omer were attacked with direct hits obtained on airmen buildings. Fighters destroyed three enemy fighters in combat during these offensive patrols.

The great French port of Cherbourg, peace-time port of call for trans-Atlantic liners, was bombed, an airmen there being the main target, while a German patrol boat in the Channel was attacked with machine-gun and cannon fire.

The attack on the enemy convoy today was launched by Beaufort aircraft of the coastal command. The Admiralty said that the supply ship "Alf" probably was sunk. "One plane failed to return."

It was announced Saturday that Britain's flying militia, the men who spend their spare time before the war learning to pilot planes, have destroyed 800 German raiders, one-fourth of the total destroyed in the defence of the British Isles by fighter craft.

Soviet-Nazi Rift reports Propaganda?

Discord Talk May Be Smoke-screen To Disguise Move Against Britain.

By Alfred E. Wall
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 15 (AP)—The status of German-Soviet Russian relations was still in the forefront of diplomatic concern tonight but there was an inclination in some quarters to regard reports of German troop movements as "obviously" Nazi-inspired—a screen for a surprise move, probably against Britain.

"We're reasoning the most authoritative report of German troop movements, that is, concentrations in eastern and north-eastern Germany facing Russia, which was circulated by Russia's news and propaganda agency tonight, would represent propaganda collaboration between Moscow and Berlin."

Proponents of the screen theory recalled that the German propaganda campaign against Russia continued nearly up to the time Moscow and Berlin signed their non-aggression pact upon a strident world before the start of the war.

Some sources refused to speculate further on what Hitler might be up to.

"We're conjectured upon every possible phase of German-Russian relations," said one informant. "We think Hitler is up to something and we think it concerns Russia, statements to the contrary notwithstanding."

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Many attend Corpus Christi Procession

The largest Corpus Christi procession ever held in Charlottetown took place yesterday morning as over 500 Roman Catholics from St. Dunstan's Basilica and the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, took part. Threatening skies did not dampen the spirit of the devout and, besides the thousands who took part in the procession, many others from both congregations were in attendance.

The congregation of the Holy Redeemer parish joined that of the Basilica outside the latter church and proceeded to Notre Dame Convent where Benediction was given from a repository in front of the Convent. The procession stretched out for about a mile and the vanguard was the Convent before the Bishop and clergy had left the steps of the Basilica.

The procession was one of the finest spectacles witnessed here in

Destroyer Jersey sunk

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Naval action Off Gibraltar Is possibility

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No Canadian Unit in Syria

LONDON, June 15 (CP Cable)—A Canadian military spokesman commenting today upon a Vichy claim that units of the Dominion's forces are fighting in Syria, said that there are any Canadians on that front they are members of British units.

"There is no Canadian unit in Syria," he said.

Believe 500 Million mark Is passed

OTTAWA, June 15 (CP)—Cumulative total of subscriptions to Canada's \$600,000,000 victory war loan at the close of business Saturday was \$479,984,153, national loan headquarters announced tonight.

Subscriptions during Saturday's half-day operations were \$29,079,100. Exact figures as to the number of subscribers Saturday were not available but headquarters concluded that the 500,000,000 mark had been passed.

With nearly \$474,000,000 reached in the first two weeks of the campaign—it opened June 2 and closes June 21—national headquarters said high hopes were held that the minimum objective of \$500,000,000 would be passed by the end of this week.

"It will be substantially passed if canvassers and public will continue to put their shoulders to the wheel," said a headquarters statement.

Headquarters said canvassers have been asked to draw special attention to the instalment plan by which citizens may pledge their credit and anticipate income in order to buy victory bonds.

One of the largest subscriptions related to national headquarters during the weekend was that of the NMA, Timmins family interests, of Montreal, for \$750,000. A similar subscription, for \$750,000, was reported from the Senator Lorne C. Webster and family, also of Montreal.

Reports from cities today were: Summerside \$301,400, being 133.9 per cent of its quota; Moncton \$864,200, 115.2 per cent; Charlottetown \$508,150, 92.3 per cent; Calgary \$4,788,200, 85.12 per cent; Saint John \$2,097,400, 85.6 per cent; Edmonton \$4,190,450, 78.46 per cent; Moose Jaw \$324,000, 76.20 per cent; Saskatoon \$796,500, 75.30 per cent; Halifax \$4,010,000, 68 per cent; Glace Bay \$317,800, 63.56 per cent; Sydney \$838,750, 41.93 per cent.

Reports as of June 14 were: Montreal \$89,418,650, 76.4 per cent; Quebec \$7,185,600, 63.98 per cent; Three Rivers \$1,212,400, 61.85 per cent; Sherbrooke \$920,700, 30.4 per cent.

Parliament Is adjourned Until Nov. 3

OTTAWA, June 15 (CP)—The third stage of the second session of Canada's 19th Parliament, devoted almost exclusively to the needs of war, ended Saturday as the House adjourned until Nov. 3.

Members sat through the luncheon hour of a special Saturday sitting to complete the work of voting of departmental estimates and at 4:17 p. m. ADI the work was completed.

The House of Commons now will be deserted until the fall unless it is deemed in the public interest to assemble earlier. The work of departments administering the dominion's war effort, however, will continue at its usual busy pace.

When Sir Lyman Duff, deputy of the governor-general, gave royal assent to the regular supply bill incorporating the estimates after it had been passed by senate and House, both lower and upper chambers were freed.

Finance Minister Isley bore the brunt of the session's business since the great bulk of legislation handled was financial, including the budget and the six bills required to give effect to the taxation changes.

He expects to get an additional \$300,000,000 a year from taxation bringing total annual revenue to \$1,150,000,000, highest in the dominion's history.

New Bomber As fast as Pursuit Plane

BALTIMORE, June 15 (AP)—The first test flight of a new bomber being built for Britain showed it to be "about as fast as most of the pursuit planes flying in Europe," the Glen L. Martin Company disclosed today.

The plane was flown Saturday at the Martin field here with British representatives looking on.

It is faster than the B-26, which the United States army, but it has less range and bomb capacity. Joseph T. Hartson, Martin executive president, told a group of reporters war correspondents winding up a 3,500 mile two-weeks tour of defence plants.

They were shown the new bomber and a huge flying boat under construction for the navy, comparable to the army's B-19, the world's largest bomber. The correspondents were asked by a navy representative to give no details of the flying boat's construction, range, speed, size or capacity.

"The new plane for Britain is a very hot bomber," Hartson said. "We will start shipping them to Britain in July, but they have plenty of range to fly over. In actual combat we expect them to do better than many of even the latest types of pursuit planes."

The model is known as the Martin 187 and will be called the "Baltimore" by Britain. It is a low-winged medium bomber with two 1,850-horsepower air-cooled motors. Hartson said it is faster than any bomber now in the air except possibly a few with turbo-superchargers which could out-speed it at very high altitudes. The critical altitude of the 187—the height at which it performs best—is 15,000 feet.

U. S. freezes Axis assets

ROME, June 15 (AP)—The Italian Government announced today that it has taken "suitable" retaliatory measures, including the ordering of a registration of American property in Italy, following President Roosevelt's blocking of Italian and German credits in the United States.

Some observers pointed out that the Italian action might give the United States a diplomatic break in relations with the United States which at least one Rome newspaper seemed to suggest.

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—At President Roosevelt's direction, the United States treasury Saturday froze the American assets of Germany and Italy and simultaneously imposed a strict supervision upon all financial transactions with Soviet Russia or its citizens.

In a complementary action, the justice department announced creation of an alien property bureau to receive and study reports on transactions in alien property. A similar unit operated during the First Great War when much alien property was seized.

How much the freezing order might accomplish was brought into question by those who recalled that Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau recently said the Axis powers, anticipating such a move, had withdrawn sizeable portions of their American funds.

"The barn is empty," was Morgenthau's comment.

Nevertheless, to determine the extent of whatever German and Italian holdings remaining and to acquire information of general usefulness in the present situation, the President also ordered a census of all foreign-owned property in the United States.



46 survivors Picked up

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—The United States coast guard Saturday was advised by the cutter Duane that it had rescued 46 officers and men from the Tresillian, a British merchant ship of 4,743 tons.

The message said: "Proceeding St. John's, Newfoundland, with crew Tresillian picked up. Position latitude 44:33 north, longitude 44:36 west. Forty six officers and men. None lost. All well."

The coast guard did not say what happened to the British ship. The vessel was owned by the Hains Steamship Company of London.

Form Canuck Bomber Squadron

LONDON, June 15 (CP Cable)—The Air Ministry announced Saturday formation of the first Canadian bomber squadron of the Royal Air Force and tonight its members were at the alert looking forward to the orders to undertake their first raid against the enemy as a unit.

Many of the personnel of the newly-organized squadron, which is under command of Wing-Cmdr. P. S. Gilchrist, D.F.C., of Fort Pelley, Sask., frequently have bombed German targets but they have not seen action over Germany or occupied territory since the squadron was formed.

It was considered likely, however, that within a few days they will be carrying cargoes of explosives on offensive sorties.

The Canadians say they have only two complaints to register—apart from lack of action. They can't get enough cigarettes from home and they have not yet become accustomed themselves to Britain's unpredictable weather.

BILLET DETECTIVES

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TORONTO, June 15 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	45	73
Victoria	53	63
Edmonton	48	75
Regina	47	80
Winnipeg	43	81
Toronto	58	72
Ottawa	55	74
Montreal	59	74

Synopsis: Scattered showers have occurred in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta, while in Manitoba the weather has been fair and warm.

High tide this afternoon at 3:45 and tomorrow morning at 4:45.

Sun sets this evening at 7:48 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:12.

Last quarter moon June 16, 11:45 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown

COAST FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:30 A.M. 1.00 P.M. 4:45 P.M.

Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M. 6:20 P.M. daily except Sunday.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY

Leaves Wood Islands 7:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

Leaves Caribou 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.