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ALLIES HOLD DUNKERQUE

Four-fifths Troops Surrounded In Flanders Saved

Anthony Eden Says "Never Say Die" Spirit Of Troops Guarantee Of Victory.

U.S. Could Fly 1,000 Planes To Aid Allies

No Indication Such a Plan Likely—Roosevelt Said to Have Heard Proposal.

By John Lear Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The United States could fly 1,000 fighting airplanes across the Atlantic Ocean to aid England and France...

There is no indication such a plan is contemplated. On the contrary, a proposal to do it has been rejected. The facts were related to me merely as an illustration of the true picture of United States defenses.

Although these 1,000 planes represent only a fraction of the flying force envisaged by President Roosevelt, they would be enough in the opinion of some military experts to turn the balance of air power in the war between the Allies and Hitler's legions.

Perhaps more important is the fact that the bombers among them are equipped with a bomb sight that military men say makes their aim accurate as that of a crack rifle shot.

To dispatch such an air armada abroad would exhaust all the first line aircraft that are now on hand in both the army and the navy.

Captain, Crew Reach Port

OSAGO, N. S., June 2.—(CP)—The ship's crew and crew of the lumbering schooner M. W. Colp arrived in port here today...

Coming Events

- Talks—Morell Tuesday, L-16-8-3-2. Talks—St. Peter's, Wednesday, L-16-8-3-2. Dance and ice cream at Elliot Hall, Tuesday, June 4th...

NORTH FRANCE FLAMING TORCH FROM PLANE

(By Taylor Henry, Associated Press Staff Writer) WITH THE FRENCH BOMBER COMMAND ON THE NORTHERN FRONT, June 2.—(AP)—Seen from the air from a French plane at night, the entire northern front of France looks like a flaming torch.

I have just made a long night reconnaissance flight over the northern battlefields. The glow from the flaming cities and towns gave the low hanging night clouds the appearance of a late summer sunset.

Far below along the battlelines on the Somme and Aisne Rivers, flashes of artillery fire looked as though matches were flaring.

It was just at midnight that the night bombing squadron, of which I was a guest, received its orders. "Attack in force against Cambrai airport and the crossroads south of Abbeville where important German troop concentrations have been observed."

When I read the orders I caught my breath. Only two weeks ago, as I had left Cambrai, squadrons of German planes were bombing that same airport on the outskirts of this town, which was then being evacuated by the French.

Leave Darkened Airport When we reached the almost darkened airport...

Bombs Dropped In Norfolk Co.

LONDON, June 2.—(CP)—The sound of rapid machine gun fire off the southeast coast of England...

Searchlights swept the skies and aircraft engines roared out at sea. Observers said they believed only one enemy was machine-gunning shipping.

The air ministry disclosed two bombs were dropped in Norfolk. An official statement said the air ministry and the ministry of home security announced that early this morning an unidentified aircraft passed over Norfolk.

Two bombs from this aircraft fell in open country. Norfolk is northeast of London.

British Fighter Pilots Set New Success Records

LONDON, June 2.—(CP)—Britain's fighter pilots set a new day's record Saturday when they downed 78 German bombers and fighting planes, the Air Ministry announced today.

Britain's bombers followed up this successful day with night-long raids on Nazi communications in Flanders in support of the forward action of the Allied armies.

Sixteen British planes were missing in the night attacks, but all bombers returned safely to their bases.

Today a preliminary compilation showed the R. A. F. had accounted for 38 German aircraft at a cost of eight missing fighters.

The first Air Ministry statement today told of Saturday's record day.

Squadron after squadron of Hurricanes and Spitfires flew high above French lines all day, guarding convoys which were being escorted by the British Expeditionary Force rearguard force," it said.

"Huge formations of Nazi bombers were shot down Saturday night and attempted to sink the ships. They did not lack targets for all kinds. But when they attempted to bomb our fighters attacked and drove them off."

"Most of the bombs fell into the sea. One Spitfire squadron Saturday destroyed 12 German bombers and fighters in one short action. Later in the day the same squadron shot down another six."

Charlottetown Man Describes Raids On Liner

Simon W. Crabbe Tells How Belgian Ship Was Attacked From Air.

NEW YORK, June 2.—(AP)—Fifty-eight survivors of the Belgian liner Ville de Bruxelles, formerly the United States liner President Harding, which was bombed and sunk off the Belgian coast May 14, arrived here Saturday on a British liner.

Simon W. Crabbe, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., senior officer of the group, told of a terrific strafing by aeroplanes and machine-guns shortly before a bomb struck the ship, killing four men and causing her to be beached and later sunk.

A crew of 115, including 62 Canadians, and a passenger list of 64, principally women refugees and a few children from Belgium were saved.

The refugees were taken to Britain and France. The United States lines sold the 13,889-ton ship to the Belgians after United States neutrality laws kept the American merchant fleet out of war zones.

There were seven officers in the group, including Crabbe, third officer; George Kelland, carpenter; A. J. Robinson, wireless operator; and Leslie Pickering, chief steward.

The first eye witness story of the bombing of the Ville de Bruxelles was related in London May 17, when the Canadian survivors arrived there.

Crabbe, who lives with his wife and three children in Charlottetown, told the story Saturday. "We left Antwerp about 8 a.m. on May 14, bound for Southampton, with 64 Belgian refugees," he said.

"At 6:50 a.m. when we were about 10 miles down the river below Antwerp, a plane flew over and machine-gunned us for about 10 minutes without hitting anyone or doing any damage."

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MOBILIZATION GENERAL IN ITALY, REPORT

ROME, June 2.—(AP)—The Fascist editor Giovanni Ansaldo disclosed today that Italy is carrying out general mobilization in preparation for entrance into the war, generally expected any day.

"Mobilization is under way," declared Ansaldo, editor of foreign minister Galeazzo Ciano's newspaper, Il Telegrafo di Leghorn, in his weekly broadcast to Italian troops.

He explained, however, that it was being conducted by individual summons rather than by the alarming general call of former times.

Ansaldo said the Italian people must know why they are likely to be called to war and named the reasons as moral and political.

Of the first, he demanded to know "how a people like ours, with all our energy, could remain outside a great contest like the present one, in which all the great peoples of Europe are participating and which will decide the destiny of Europe."

"If Italy should stay out of the contest," he said, "it would signify irreparable decadence, a kind of disqualification."

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Report Duke Of Northumberland Killed In Action

LONDON, June 2.—(CP)—The Duke of Northumberland has been killed in action, it was announced tonight. He was 27 years of age, and succeeded his father to the ancient dukedom in 1939.

The ninth duke, born Henry George Alnwick Percy, headed the Percy family, which has been prominent in English history for centuries. He was a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards and was parliamentary secretary to the air minister in 1935.

The dukedom, created in 1766, now falls to the late duke's brother, Lord Hugh Algernon Percy, aged 26.

Other titles which accompany the dukedom are: Earl of Northumberland, Baron Warkworth, Earl Percy, Earl of Beverley, Lord Lovaine, Baron of Alnwick.

The duke, known a year ago as the largest single owner of coal properties in England, created a stir when he temporarily quit his 200-room Alnwick Castle for 20-room Lesbury House nearby because of heavy taxes and declining royalties.

At that time, he drew an annual income of about \$69,000 (\$345,000 from coal royalties).

Death duties on the estate inherited from his father, who died in 1920, were estimated at £1,000,000.

Pope Begg Keep War Humane As Possible

VATICAN CITY, June 2.—(CP)—Pope Pius today beseeched the fighting nations of the world to keep the war as humane as possible.

"We beseech the belligerents to remember always the duties of humanity which do not lose their value even under the law and morality of war," the pontiff said.

The pope, replying to the greetings of the Cardinals on the occasion of his name day, expressed disapproval of the widening area of the conflict. He told them: "It does not think we can be permitted on this occasion to renounce the expression of our sorrow at the treatment which we see inflicted on non-combatants in more than one region, treatment which is far from conforming with humanitarian rules."

Reich Infantry Turned Back In Fierce Fighting

Most Of Battered Armies Are Withdrawn From Flanders—Germans Pay Loss Of Life And Material.

PARIS, June 2.—(AP)—Waves of German infantrymen wallowing waist-deep in Dunkerque's protecting floodwaters launched a supreme effort today to wrest that channel port from the Allies but the French high command proclaimed tonight that Dunkerque's defenses "still hold."

The command called the battle against the German drive to the English Channel an historic example of "heroic tenacity."

The greater part of the battered armies drawn back to the channel coast, to the Dunkerque exit from the "hell in Flanders", has embarked, said the nightly communique.

French military circles estimated Germany had thrown 15 divisions—about 200,000 men—into the assault to wipe out the Allies' last foothold in the Flanders battle zone.

The high command declared that instead of the Allied surrender which Germany had counted on since the withdrawal to Dunkerque was ordered, the Reich's legions had been compelled to fight "incessantly under the most severe and violent conditions."

The retreat was pictured as an epic rearguard action which kept the enemy under constant fire and subject to "numerous counter-attacks."

Americans Hurry Home

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—More than 2,500 Americans fled from war and the threat of war in Europe sailed for home today on the liners Manhattan and President Roosevelt.

The Manhattan had left Galway, Eire, today with 720 passengers.

They were informed also that the Manhattan had left Genoa, Italy, with 705 first-class passengers and 1,200 third-class passengers.

Press dispatches from Genoa said the Manhattan carried almost 2,200 passengers, nearly three times its normal capacity.

Homeric Story Recorded Of Evacuated Troops By Canadian Correspondent

Hour By Hour And Day By Day The Successful Retreat From Flanders Goes On—A Tale Of Heroism And Courage Unequaled In British Annals.

(By GREGORY CLARK) (Copyright, 1940 Star Newspaper Service)

LONDON, June 1.—It goes on as you read this, hour by hour, night and day—and now three-quarters of the Expeditionary Force is back in England, together with thousands upon thousands of French troops from that Gallipoli shore of Dunkirk.

With every hour, over there 40 miles away, the job has grown tougher, because in addition to the almost frenzied fury of the bombers flying over this piece of sheer, colossal impudence of ships and barges and launches and rafts calmly taking the slow-footed shadows of men off a sand beach and a hellish concrete mole, the Germans have brought up guns of every shape and calibre to blaze and rip and storm.

You do not have to believe what follows because I who saw it can scarcely believe it. Into this little chalk-cliffed port comes a string of Thames barges. Like bags of something, the men are piled up on the flat barges. A stubby little tug drags them in. They have come from Dunkirk, this string of river barges, and in each barge is one of those cursing Thames barge skippers.

And in the dawn, there they stood, smoking and spitting on the bows of their slow barges, staring at the cliffs of England, while behind them on flat scows their strange cargoes, these bags of men, these sacks and bundles of men, stirred and sat up to gaze as in a dream at the shores of their loved ones. Among those standing with quivering chins and unmanly eyes on quays watching this extraordinary item in the long parade of laden ships great and swift and small and slow, was one man close to 70 in a stained blue square-rigged suit and white yachting cap.

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