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GERMAN BOMBERS STRIKE AT EAST BRITAIN COAST

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Hanson sees Great defect in New plan

Still No Provision for Service of Trainees Overseas

Conservative Leader Points Out.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.—(CP)—The "great defect" in reorganization of the military training program in Canada is that no provision is made for the service of these men overseas except in limited numbers and under a voluntary system.

It is also complete endorsement of the theory that Canada must be a vigorous opposition in the House and be in a position to form an alternative government.

The previous 30-day training plan was merely a "hasty improvisation" and the government's new proposals, in principle, were an acceptance of the policies Mr. Hanson had advocated.

The Conservative party to continued co-operation with the government in its war effort.

Claims big Bombers go to Britain secretly

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The Boston Globe says it has learned from reliable sources that the United States' newest type bombers, B-24 Liberator, are being secretly turned over to the British for use in Europe.

The flying boats, the newspaper says, were manufactured by the Consolidated Aircraft Company in San Diego, Calif., flown across the continent to Elizabeth City, N. C., and then by civilian pilots to Bermuda where they were turned over to British authorities.

Coming Events

- Coal—Car of screen coal unloading now, Court & Son, Bedford Station. L-673-2-4-21.
- General plays with Monarchs, Graham's Road rink tonight. L-691.
- Fresh Frozen Strawberries, please your order. Daily delivery 1 o'clock except Saturday. Island Cold Storage. L-459-1-25-11.
- Loading Hogs Murray Harbor, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bellie River, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fraser, W. A. Jenkins. L-643-2-3-41.
- Valentine Social at Chalmers Women's, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Kinross Baptist W. M. S. Admission 15c. L-689-2-5-11.
- Winter month live hogs as usual for afternoon, Emerald Friday until 11 a.m. A. M. A. C. Green, Albany, C. C. Green, Emerald.
- Loading hogs Thursday, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Kenman and Ray, Barnaby Hunter, Friday till noon; Arthur Haskin, Bradabane Friday till noon; Sigurd McEwen and Campbell. L-694.

(By George Tait, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Capture within a week of Massaua, Eritrea's only good port and the goal of Britain's biggest push far into Mussolini's East African empire, was predicted by a British military source tonight.

British sources said other phases of the many-sided East African campaign also are developing with small forces already 40 or more miles into Ethiopia and patrol activity begun further south on the Somali border.

Britain's array of "all-empire" troops have six weeks left in which to take over Italy's vast colonies before the rainy season sets in and military circles refuse to commit themselves on whether they believe the job can be done in that time.

Much depends on the morale of

CAIRO, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The mechanized forces of Britain's Imperial Army have entered Eritrea's ancient city of Western Libya, adding the fourth major Italian stronghold to their conquest of the North African colony and placing the Union Jack within 130 miles of Bengasi, the next big objective.

Cirene, some 60 miles west of Derna, formerly was the general headquarters of Marshal Graziani, whose retreating forces now are strung out along the road leading westward to Bengasi, and are under savage pounding of the Royal Air Force.

Italian troops and the strength of the "patriot" movement in Ethiopia, they said. They acknowledged that the British drives were "just beginning" and said the British so far had been in contact with only between 30,000 and 40,000 Italians of a generally accepted total of 250,000 in East Africa.

"Extremely successful action" in Ethiopia by British and Ethiopian forces was reported by a British military spokesman today and Foreign Secretary.

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Report Laval Seeking new Important post

VIENNA, Feb. 4.—(AP)—France's naval minister, Admiral Jean Darlan, was expected tonight to announce his return to Paris with Premier Petain's reply to the terms under which Pierre Laval, former vice premier, would return to the French cabinet.

Darlan returned today in Petain's private train from the occupied capital where he had held a 27-hour conference with Laval, Otto Abetz, German ambassador to Paris, and Fernand de Brinon, Vichy's envoy to the occupation authorities.

In a meeting lasting an hour and a half, Darlan was understood to have laid before Petain, Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin and the war minister, Gen. Charles Huntziger, an agreement for German collaboration which needed only the marshal's approval.

Political sources said reports from Paris indicated that Laval's demands, which would have been approved by the German negotiators, the Paris meeting, included a complete cabinet change with Laval becoming Minister of Interior in charge of German negotiations.

He also would have complete charge of information services and possibly the police.

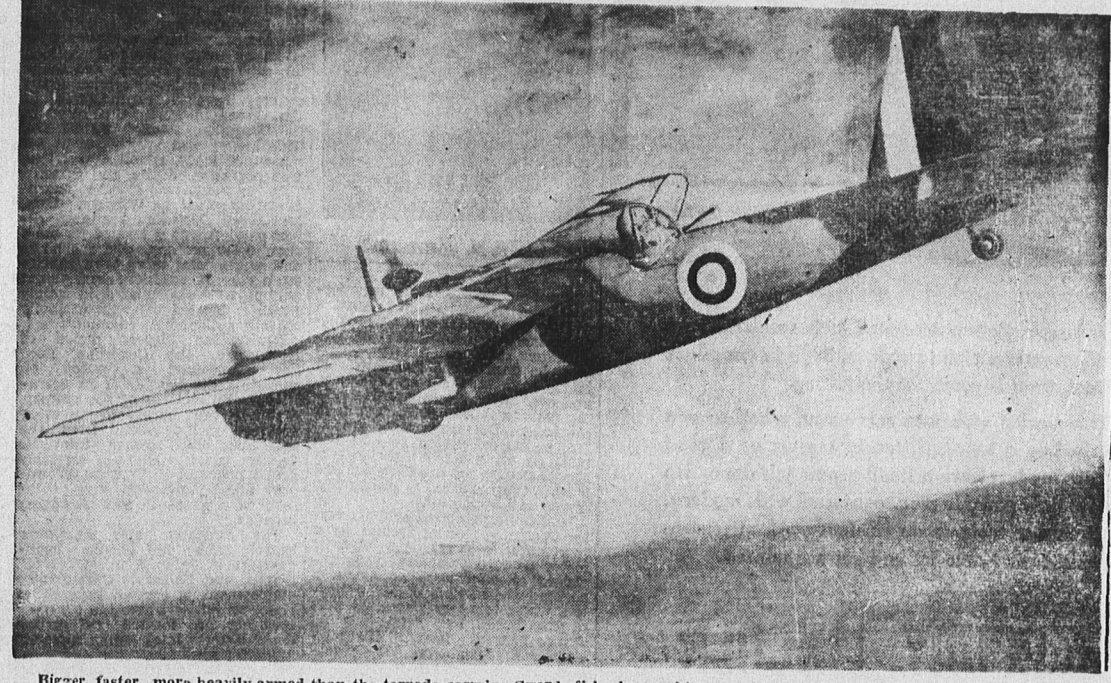
Flandin, who succeeded Laval as Foreign Minister when Petain ousted him Dec. 13, would have to leave the cabinet, it was understood. Darlan would become the new foreign minister. Huntziger retaining his war portfolio.

Churches of Christ W. M. S. head dies

SAINTE JOHN, N.E., Feb. 4.—(CP)—Mrs. W. J. Johnston, secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Churches of Christ, in the Maritime Provinces, died at her home here last night after a long illness. Her husband, Rev. W. J. Johnston, is secretary-treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Churches of Christ in the Maritimes.

Mrs. Johnston, born at Holmfild, Man., taught in public schools of that province before her marriage. She served at Calgary, Alta., and Portage La Prairie, Man., with her husband before they came to Saint John.

Britain's Latest Torpedo Carrier



Bigger, faster, more heavily armed than the torpedo-carrying Swordfish planes which smashed the myth of Italian sea power at Taranto, the Blackburn Botha bomber is one of Britain's newest air weapons against the Axis. A general reconnaissance high-wing monoplane powered by two 890-horsepower Pegasus engines, the Botha also carries torpedoes and is capable of the same kind of dive-bombing attack which crippled Mussolini's battle fleet. Britain's aircraft industry is geared to seven days a week of high-speed production to whittle down the numerical superiority of Hitler's Luftwaffe and take full command of Europe's skies.

Stories Of Heroism At Sea Disclosed

Bitter feud Renewed by Burton Wheeler

Roosevelt Raps Senator with Charge of Giving Comfort to Hitler.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—In a renewal of one of the bitterest feuds in Washington history, Senator Burton Wheeler today denounced the Roosevelt administration of denuding the United States' aerial defenses to aid Britain.

Senator Wheeler, who has a virtual charge that Wheeler is giving comfort to Hitler.

The exchange came in the course of a day that saw Representative James Wadsworth (Rep.-N. Y.) swing his influential support behind the President's lend-lease bill "or something like it." Meanwhile, Gen. Robert E. Wood, Downhearted and homesick, the aged statesman no longer could bear his separation from his ailing wife in Holland. The Germans would not let her come to him, so he went to her.

De Geer was forced to promise that he would not interfere in Netherlands politics. That was the condition on which he was admitted home.

Seek fast Heavily armed U. S. planes

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Aviation circles here said today that Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, former chief of the Royal Air Force fighter squadrons, is appealing to United States manufacturers for 400-mile-an-hour pursuit ships carrying 20-millimetre cannon capable of blasting heavy German airplane armor.

They said that Sir Hugh, in the United States on a special mission, is seeking armament that can penetrate the most heavily armored cockpit.

German bombers, operating on short hops from the French coast and unencumbered by heavy fuel load, can stand the additional weight of cockpit armor, it was said.

Air Training Plan Graduates Wear Canuck Uniform

Prime Minister King enlarges on statement of air plans for '41.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(CP)—All Canadian graduates of the Empire Air Training Plan, whether their service overseas is with the Royal Canadian Air Force or the Royal Air Force, will wear the distinctive Canadian uniform, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced tonight.

In a prepared statement, the Prime Minister enlarged on his Sunday night announcement that 25 squadrons would be sent overseas this year, in addition to the three R.C.A.F. squadrons now fighting in the Battle of Britain.

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is concentrating on provision of air crews and Canadian squadrons overseas will be serviced, and to some extent may be commanded by officers of the R.A.F., the Prime Minister said tonight.

Canadian pilots and air crews trained under the British Commonwealth Plan will be incorporated into squadrons of the Royal Canadian Air Force up to the number of 25, in addition to the three Canadian squadrons already in action overseas.

"All Canadian pilots and air crews from the air training plan who are not in R.C.A.F. units or formations, will continue to wear the R.C.A.F. uniform," the statement said.

Although the overseas Canadian squadrons will be serviced by United Kingdom ground crews, Mr. King said so far as practicable there will be an exchange between the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. ground personnel, "with a view to achieving homogeneity in the R.C.A.F. squadrons serving overseas."

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War — 25 Years Ago Today

FEB. 5, 1916—German and colonial troops entered after crossing the border into Spanish Guinea from the Cameroons. French shelled German trenches in Champagne and blew up several munitions dumps.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR

Matchless for Baking Bread

Fly Through Bitter Weather; British Active

Fire bombs fall in London; Raids are described as not heavy.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(Wednesday)—(CP)—German bombers struck at Britain's east coast tonight in the most widespread attack in about two weeks but nowhere was the attack described as heavy.

They flew through bitter weather that blanketed part of France with snow and concentrated on an east coast port for several hours. One house was damaged in southeast coastal town, and among the bodies recovered from the debris was that of Jim McMurray, a former heavyweight boxing champion in the India Army.

Some fire bombs fell in London. Hostile craft were reported over East Anglia, the Midlands, southwest England and Wales, and near Liverpool.

The "all clear" sounded in the London area before 11 p. m. (6 p. m. AST).

The day had brought announcements of a punishing British double-bombing of the occupied seaport of Brest, and of the destruction of five German planes over Britain and the channel.

The day's loss, the Press Association said, brought to 30 the number of German planes shot down over Britain in 1941, against one R. A. F. plane lost in defence.

Two formations of coastal command bombers attacked Brest, at the tip of the Brittany peninsula, last night and again at dawn. Each attack was described as successful. The second wave arriving "before the town had a chance to recover from the first."

The weather was bad, yet the Air Ministry said, "the pilots not only reached their objective but were able to await favorable opportunities to run in and find the target area." The first docks constituted the main target, but other northwest French areas, as well were attacked.

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N. Y. Times sees Fate of French Empire at stake

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(Wednesday)—(CP)—The New York Times said editorially today that the "surprising thing" in the present crisis between Germany and conquered France over the reinstatement in the Vichy Government of Pierre Laval is "that Hitler, with unquestioned power to impose his will by force, has let this unequal struggle drag on for nearly two months."

"It is evident that much more is involved than the person of Laval," the Times added. "The control not only of the Vichy Government but of the French Empire is at stake. Hitler is undoubtedly working for a revision of the armistice in order to insure French co-operation in the war against Britain, now entering a desperate phase from the German point of view."

The Times saw Marshal Petain's pledge that the French fleet and French bases never would be used against Britain as the crux of the struggle.

Air Minister Power Calls For Recruits

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Envisioning an elite corps drawn from the "flower of Canadian youth" entering the decisive day in the war for freedom, Air Minister Power today called for recruits and promised them a definite answer as to when they would be summoned to duty.

During the early days of the war, he told a Canadian Lumbermen's Association luncheon gathering here, thousands of youth "fired with zeal for service" had applied for admission into the Royal Canadian Air Force. They had waited months to be called and finally, disillusioned, they had either joined other services or had gone into the war industry.

Now the Commonwealth training plan was reaching its peak of "mass production." Now the air war was reaching its decisive phase. And now the chain of schools across the Dominion were in a position to turn out air crews in large numbers. "We know exactly how many thousands of men we want and we know exactly when we want them," said Mr. Power. "So we ask them to come forward and be assured they will be told when they are required."

He was asking "too for" "sacrifices" from parents in encouraging enlistment of youth from 18 to 25.

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Unexpected Death of Prof. J. G. Bennett

Many friends in the city and throughout the province were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Professor J. G. Bennett of Prince of Wales College, which occurred yesterday at his home in Charlottetown. He had been ill for several days.

He was born at Alberton 59 years ago and received his primary education in the district school later attending Prince of Wales College. Later he was a student at Queen's University where he received his Master of Arts degree. Returning to his native province, he was appointed School Inspector in Prince County and less than a year later accepted a position as a school teacher on the West Kent School staff in Charlottetown. In 1911, the deceased was appointed to the staff of Prince of Wales College as Science teacher, a position he has held ever since.

He was deeply interested in music and always took a great interest in choral societies, and was a valued member of the Baptist Church choir.

Almost every student who attended the college in the past 30 years attended his science class. He devoted himself to this subject and was an authority on it.

The deceased was a member of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, Wilkes Lodge No. 27, having held all the various offices including Past Grand. He held the tetra-gram jewel in the Lodge, having been a member for more than 25 years.

He is survived by a widow, formerly Annie Lockhart of St. Elizabeth's, a son, Gordon, a professor at Prince of Wales College, two daughters, Anna, R.N., on the P. E. I. Hospital staff, and Marie, Mrs. Lester Keenan of Dorval, Quebec. His mother, Mrs. David Hart of Alberton and a sister, Mrs. George Fritham also survive.

Funeral arrangements were not completed last night.

Hunter River Man re-elected

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—(CP)—W. S. Sharpe, of Stettler, Alta., was re-elected president of the Canadian Short-horn Association today. Directors elected included: Maritimes: Peter Martin, Hunter River, Prince Edward Island.

SOME MEN ARE LIKE MULES — THEY SOMETIMES KICK AT THE WRONG TIME

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Minimum and maximum temperatures:	
Daws R.	35 45
Victoria	49 55
Edmonton	9 34
Winnipeg	12 31
Toronto	12 32
Ottawa	9 17
Montreal	20 26
Saint John	17 28
Halifax	22 26
Charlottetown	17 26

FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh to heavy gales; cloudy and a little colder; local snowfalls or flurries.

High tide this afternoon at 4:20 and tomorrow morning at 5:40.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:13 and tomorrow morning at 7:15.

Full moon Feb. 11, 9:26 p.m. Summerside tide 15 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Bergen 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M.