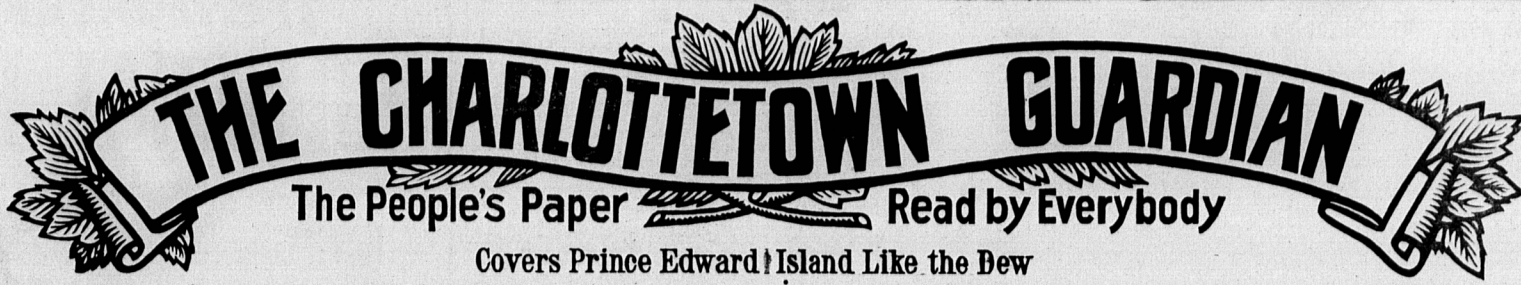


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NORWEGIANS MAKE STAND

Giant Minefield Seals Skagerrak To German Ships

Royal Air Force Carries Out Series Of Daring Raids Taking Heavy Toll Of Enemy.

(By Pat Ussher, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 11—(CP Cable)—The Royal Navy today sealed the Skagerrak with a giant minefield while the Royal Air Force dealt smashing blows at Germany on land and sea in the drive to thrust the Nazis out of Norway.

A Reuters News Agency dispatch quoted Norwegian sources as stating the German battleship Gneisenau, a 26,000-ton modern giant, had been sunk in the Oslo Fjord.

The Air Ministry said the Royal Air Force lost eight planes in the day's engagements while searching Danish and Norwegian waters for fleets of the German fleet returning to their home bases. Earlier the ministry had said that five bombers, included in today's total were downed in a single engagement with two warships in Kristiansand Fjord. Another air battle was fought near Stavanger. Two British planes alighted on the sea. Their fate was not disclosed.

The ministry also reported that four Messerschmitt fighters were shot down, two more German fighters were believed destroyed and others were damaged.

Along the westwall the British and French armies stood ready for any fresh blitzkrieg Germany might launch.

The field of deadly explosives sowed by the navy was believed to be the largest in history. It extended 420 miles northward in the North Sea between the Dutch and Norwegian coasts and embraced all the Skagerrak and the north half of the Kattegat, linking up with fields laid off the north coasts of Germany and Holland by the Germans and Britons early in the war.

Roosevelt Ready To Aid Greenland

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—Displaying a deep interest in Greenland, President Roosevelt disclosed today that he is ready to dispatch Red Cross relief, if need be, to 17,000 inhabitants of the big Danish island, cut off from the mother country as a result of Germany's invasion of Scandinavia.

The President, at a press conference, placed Greenland in the western hemisphere geographically. However, he brushed aside queries as to whether the United States would invoke the Monroe Doctrine if Germany, having taken control of Denmark, should move to assert control of Greenland also.

Work On Airdromes To Begin Shortly

VANCOUVER, April 12—(CP)—The British Commonwealth Air Training scheme is progressing in accordance with a prearranged plan. Air Vice Marshal G. M. Croll, chief of the staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force, said today, and in some cases it has been possible to anticipate the plan.

"It is possible that from time to time in certain matters we may have to admit that we cannot keep pace with the time table," he told the Vancouver Board of Trade in a luncheon address, "but these are not a word in the present."

Another feature was that "this plan requires the preparation of a great number of airdromes." Plans for every airdrome were either ready now or would be ready in a few months, he said. It was expected the work of developing most of the airdromes would be undertaken as soon as the frost was out of the ground.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

*Rummage sale, St. James Hall, April 27, 7 o'clock. L-263.

*Bean supper, Beane Lodge Hall, Tuesday, April 25, 4:30 to 7 p. m. 25 cents. L-193-4-13-21.

*Girl Guide Rummage Sale Trinity Social Hall, Tuesday, 6 p. m. L-254-4-13-11.

*Reserve April 27th for Philanthropic Rummage Sale, Baptist Hall. L-247-4-13-11.

*Hunter River Club will not hold hogs until Tuesday April 23rd. L-260-4-13-31.

*Cake Sale, S. A. MacDonald's Saturday, April 13th. Children's table. Kings Daughters. L-124-4-8-21.

*Fox Meats—Ground Meat 5c. Home Meat 5c. Beef Tripe 3 1/2c. Hog Plucks 2 1/2c. Island Cold Storage Company.

Germany Admits Difficulties With Norwegian Gov't

By Alvin J. Steinkopf, Associated Press Staff Writer

BERLIN, April 12—(AP)—Germany admitted tonight she was making little headway in her efforts to fashion a protected kingdom out of Norway through the existing Norwegian government.

Authorized sources said the German government was abandoning hope of being able to come to any agreement with Premier John Nygaardsvold's ministry for a "frictionless" administration under Germany's wing.

Two main developments marked the war in the air. No. 1, D.N.B. the German News Agency, claimed eight of Britain's most modern bombers were shot down by German fighters in an attempted raid on German bases on the Norwegian coast tonight.

(The British Air Ministry said five bombers were lost and at least two German fighters were shot down in a Royal Air Force attack on two German warships in Kristiansand Fjord.)

2. Germans claimed British planes bombed an unnamed railway station in eastern Schleswig-Holstein, in Germany south of the border with Denmark.

Well informed Germans declared that England might expect reprisals if this is a "new British air policy." The British bombs were said to have been the first to fall on German rail line distant from the front.

(London sources denied any such raid.)

Holland Floods Strategic Areas

AMSTERDAM, April 12—(CP)—The Netherlands tonight flooded strategic areas in the Utrecht frontier region and concentrated strong forces at Limburg and other areas as mysterious German troop movements continued across the border.

Heavy gunfire was heard during the night and an unidentified ship went down near the mouth of the Scheldt River, which cuts through the Dutch and Belgian territories.

A Belgian naval vessel put out early today to investigate and came across a great oil slick where unidentified wreckage was floating. No further details were available.

Some easing of tension was seen in an announcement that normal Netherland passenger railway schedules will be resumed Sunday.

Residents of this capital will hear the screaming of 90 air raid sirens after midnight when a precautionary drill occurs with German and passive defence personnel cooperating.

Brussels, foreign minister Paul-Henry Spaak, outlined to the cabinet war front developments since the German push on Denmark and Norway began.

Millfeed Freight Costs Are Discussed

OTTAWA, April 12—(CP)—Millfeed and railway representatives conferred here today with Dr. H. S. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and other government officials concerning costs of shipping millfeeds from Western Canada grainfields to Maritime Province points.

Millfeed costs have been under investigation for some months by a sub-committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Waldo Walsh, chairman of the sub-committee, attended the conference today.

English Papers Feel Pinch

LONDON, April 13—(Saturday)—(CP Cable)—Invasion of Norway, cutting off Britain's news print supplies, will cause a decrease Monday in the size of newspapers, already reduced since the war began, and will boost newsprint prices which now are nearly double those prevailing before the war.

The News Chronicle, the only morning paper to comment on the situation, announced that it will, in common with other papers be reduced to 10 pages, with a further reduction in the near future. The Times and the Daily Telegraph have been running to nearly 14 pages and other London papers to 12.

BERLIN—Authorized German sources admit Nazis making little headway in efforts to fashion protected kingdom in Norway with present Norwegian government.

RUMANIAN MOVE MAY HASTEN CRISIS

Government Said Expecting Stiff German Demands.

(By Robert St. John, Associated Press Staff Writer) BUCHAREST, April 12—Rumania tonight suspended the loading of freight cars for Germany at the same time that it became known the loading of Danube barges had been stopped for several days.

Foreign diplomats expressed fear that the move may speed a crisis in economic relations between Rumania and the Reich as they felt the action might amount to a virtual embargo on exports to Germany.

Suspension of freight car loadings, it was learned, followed presentation by Germany to Rumania of a long list of commodities on which the Reich is placing what amounts to an embargo against shipment to Rumania.

The Rumanian general staff met with Premier Georges Tatarescu tonight.

The cabinet's economic council, composed of the Ministers of Finance, Domestic and Foreign Trade, will prepare a list of Rumanian raw materials which will be embargoed as vital for the country's own use.

In informed quarters, it was said the government is expecting to receive stiff demands from Germany within the next few days.

It is believed in informed circles that Germany will demand that Rumania, as part of the Reich's Lebensraum (living space), direct her exports almost wholly to the Nazis, to the point of cutting her trade with the Allies.

Sources close to the government say these demands will be turned down by King Carol and his government.

The official explanation given for suspending oil barge loadings is that high water at Giurgiu made it impossible for the barges to connect with the loading racks.

First Veterans Arrive Home

VANCOUVER, April 12—(CP)—Vancouver's first "veterans" of the second Great War, privates Fred Rogers and William Hobbs of the Seaford Highlanders, today were catching up on friendships they broke off when they went to England with the first Canadian Division last December.

Returned home because of illness along with 400 other men and three officers of the first division, they arrived here last night. Hobbs said only 857 members of the Seaforders were in hospital at the same time during an influenza epidemic last winter.

Danes Accept New Situation

COPENHAGEN, April 12—(AP)—The German occupation of Denmark went forward steadily today. Troops from the Reich were seen among the crowds on streets and in restaurants. The Danes seemed to be accepting the soldiers as a part of the street scene but still displayed great curiosity when motorized equipment passed.

Afternoon newspapers warned the citizenry against spreading rumors. Discrediting its own suggestion on rumors, one paper, however, printed one to the effect that beer may be restored by Saturday.

Since the German occupation no alcoholic liquors of any kind have been sold. As a result, most of the night clubs of the city, among the gayest in northern Europe, have been closed.

AUTHOR'S BIRTHDAY

TORONTO, April 12—(CP)—Marshall Saunders, one of Canada's foremost novelists and author of 27 books including "Beautiful Joe," will be 79 years old tomorrow.

Miss Saunders in a birthday interview urged young authors to write of Canadian life. "There are so many stories of Canada which should be given to the world,"

Heavy Gunfire Is Reported

LONDON, April 13—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Exchange Telegraph, British news agency in a Stockholm dispatch early today said heavy gunfire was heard last night at Goetoberg, Sweden, where units of British and German fleets are believed stationed.

26,000 Ton Nazi Battleship Sunk

TROMSOE, Norway, April 12—(CP-Havas)—The 26,000-ton German battleship Gneisenau was sunk Tuesday in Oslo Fjord by Norwegian coastal batteries, the Norwegian Government announced tonight in the first official broadcast from a new radio station opened here.

The Gneisenau was one of Germany's two 26,000-ton battleships in service. The other is the Scharnhorst, damaged in an engagement with H. M. S. Renown this week. The Gneisenau carried nine 11-inch guns, 12 5.9-inch guns and 41 4.1-inch anti-aircraft batteries. Her normal crew was about 1,600 men.

Italian Fleet To Manoeuvre

ROME, April 12—(Saturday)—(AP)—Naval sources reported early today that the Italian fleet is gathering to start manoeuvres Monday.

The manoeuvres were described as "regular spring exercises." Because of the war, unusual secrecy cloaked the naval activities.

Concentration points were not disclosed but there has been talk in naval circles of preparations at Taranto, greater seaport in Southern Italy, and other points for the annual manoeuvres.

It was assumed that naval reservists had been called to the colours for their usual training period.

Would Follow Nazis Into Red Ports

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Canadian Gov't Plans To Conserve Cod Liver Oil

OTTAWA, April 12—(CP)—As a result of the German invasion of Norway, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced tonight that the Government has taken prompt steps by order-in-council to conserve Canada's domestic supply of cod liver oil by prohibiting exports of both cod livers and cod liver oil unless approved by the board.

The action follows efforts by the board during the past five months to increase the domestic production and to encourage the use of substitutes for animal and industrial needs.

Normal consumption of cod liver oil in Canada is about 460,000 gallons a year; of this amount 76 per cent normally is imported. Imports from Norway in 1939 totalled 95,000 gallons.

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Vatican Press Pays Tribute To Norway

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Defence Lines Thrown Up On 35-mile Front

Seven German Warships Reported Bottled Up At Oslo.

(By Thomas F. Hawkins, Associated Press Staff Writer)

STOCKHOLM, April 12—(AP)—Struggling against time and the invader, Norway's army tried tonight to complete an impenetrable ring of steel around Oslo, the German-conquered capital, where seven Nazi warships are reported bottled up.

With Norwegian forces clinging to positions along Oslo Fjord, narrow waterway leading to Oslo, a defence semicircle already was reported established running from Moss 35 miles to the south, thence east and north to Halden, 60 miles away. To complete the ring, fortifications were being thrown up in the broad valleys of the northwest.

Elsewhere, the Norwegian government conceded that the German warships, including a long Haakon of Norway escaped a German aerial onslaught by fleeing into some woods.

She telephoned her report to the United States Minister at Stockholm, who relayed it to Washington.

Premier King On Holiday

OTTAWA, April 12—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King left Ottawa late today on a long-promised holiday in Virginia. He is expected to be absent about two weeks unless some development necessitates an earlier return.

Mr. King will stop at Washington on his way back from the Virginia resort where he will spend the next week, and is expected to call on President Roosevelt and Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, both old personal friends. He will also call on the British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, and Loring Christie, Canadian Minister.

British To Make Drive On Nazi Mail

LONDON, April 12—(CP)—British official sources disclosed tonight that a systematic search of United States-bound mails on neutral ships has begun with the removal of mails of German origin from the S. S. Manhattan.

The Manhattan is due at New York Monday from Genoa. The mail was taken off at Gibraltar and those letters which are not confiscated will go forward on the next ship.

Eastbound mail previously had been removed from United States ships and some occasional German mail to the United States has fallen into British hands, but British sources said a thorough search of westbound neutral ships or German mail now is under way.

Roosevelt Signs Hotly Fought Bill

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QUEEN TO SPEAK TODAY

TORONTO, April 12—(CP)—The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announced tonight that Queen Elizabeth, who is world Honorary President of the Young Women's Christian Association, will broadcast to Canada on the organization's 85th anniversary tomorrow. The announcement said she will be heard between 4:45 and 5 P. M. AST.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentino 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.

Big Guns Roar Over Western Front Area

PARIS, April 12—(AP)—Canon roared along a 30-mile stretch of the French-German front today and French anti-aircraft guns crashed at Nazi planes near Paris.

The significance of the extensive artillery duel was not disclosed in the high command's evening communiqué. Scattered local actions heretofore have characterized the front fighting.

Roughly, the fire between opposing batteries extended from the Bliehe region to Lauterbourg between the Vosges and the Rhine. Shortly after he had been informed officially by Norwegian minister Halvard Bachke that Norway's armed forces would fight at the allies' side, Premier Paul Reynaud discussed the military situation on the home and new Scandinavian front with his cabinet war committee and the chiefs of France's land, sea and air forces, General Marie-Eustache Gamelin, Admiral Jean Jarlin and General Joseph Vuillemin.

Influential sections of the press urged the dispatch of an expeditionary force to the inviolable Northern Kingdom. Some unofficial quarters reported that such an expedition already is on its way.

Railway Man Dies Unexpectedly

MONTREAL, April 12—(CP)—William C. Smith, a native of Halifax and railway labor official who came to Montreal on business April 2, died suddenly in his hotel room today following a heart attack.

General chairman of the Grievance Committee, Atlantic Division, of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, Mr. Smith was here conferring with railway authorities and officials of the Brotherhood.

Capital Estimates Tabled In N. S.

HALIFAX, April 12—(CP)—Capital estimates totalling \$6,272,488 were tabled in Nova Scotia's Legislature tonight as the House rushed toward prorogation.

Premier Angus L. Macdonald hopes tonight so the House may prorogue tomorrow.

The Government proposes to use \$3,012,000 of the borrowing authority to retire debentures maturing this year. The next largest item of capital expenditure will be \$2,887,924 for highways.

This includes \$1,685,700 for completion of paving work already undertaken as well as smaller items for aid to towns, ordinary construction, reconstruction of bridges, culverts, ferries and real estate.

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Dawson	26 49
Edmonton	26 61
Vancouver	47 72
Regina	7 36
Winnipeg	16 29
Toronto	22 50
Kingston	21 27
Ottawa	18 26
Montreal	28 30
Quebec	35 37
Saint John	33 49
Halifax	30 38
Charlottetown	30 47

Maritime cast, strong southerly winds with occasional rain followed by northerly winds and colder by night.

SYNOPSIS
The weather has been generally fair and cold in Ontario, and fair and mild in the prairie provinces. High tide this afternoon at 1:30 and tomorrow morning at 2:09. Sun sets this evening at 6:42 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:18. First quarter moon, April 15, 9:40 a. m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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