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SOVIETS CLAIM GERMANS DRIVEN TO DEFENSIVE

ASSAILS NAZI ANTI-RELIGIOUS ACTIONS

N. B. man is Acquitted of Manslaughter

SAINT JOHN, N. B., July 6.—(CP)—A three-day trial of Joseph Gaudet, 29, on a charge of manslaughter ended in acquittal Saturday afternoon after the jury had deliberated for 45 minutes. The jury foreman said the verdict of not guilty was unanimous. The case arose from the death of George Walker after a drinking party in his flat April 19. According to testimony the fatality was caused by a blow on the head.

R.A.F. Steps Up Assaults In West

Four German patrol vessels sunk; Enemy-held French territory under fierce attack.

By Alfred Wall
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—Royal Air Force bombers sweeping the North Sea today while others struck inland at German-held northern France sank four German patrol vessels, the Air Ministry announced.

The R.A.F. men who man the big Blenheims were up at the crack of dawn and out to sea. The sun was barely up when they came upon what the ministry called "a number of enemy patrol vessels in the North Sea."

The overland bombers struck at steel and engineering works and railways at Lille, northern France. One factory was hit by six high explosive bombs.

The R.A.F. has increased the weight of its unceasing attack by sending larger numbers of fighter-planes and long-range, black fighter-bombers to hit German bases by moonlight.

The air ministry said 11 German fighters were destroyed in these operations, against a British loss of two Blenheims and seven fighters.

Sunday crowds along the south coast of England saw two huge flights of British planes cross the Channel during the morning and afternoon and disappear in the haze over Calais.

British take 10 Italian Generals

CAIRO, July 6.—(AP)—British Middle East forces announced today the capture of 10 Italian generals in Ethiopia and new bombing raids on Italian and German troops under the government's official injunction for speeding up of campaigns.

Gen. Pietro Gazzera who directed Italian resistance in Ethiopian mountain strongholds, and nine other generals surrendered to British troops, a communiqué said along with an additional 5,000 Italian and native troops.

British planes demolished many trucks laden with troops moving in northern Libya and inflicted "heavy casualties."

A raid on Bengasi, the communiqué said, started fires which were "visible 40 miles from the target."



HOLDS A GRUDGE

Vichy Commander In Syria rejects Armistice offer

News Of Offer Heard From Ankara.

ANKARA, July 6.—(AP)—Britain and Free France have proposed an armistice in Syria with generous surrender terms to the Vichy troops, it was reported today, but the Vichy commander in Levant, Gen. Henri Dentz, is described as determined to fight on.

It was said the British armistice proposals were transmitted through a neutral intermediary. In Vichy circles here it was believed Dentz's subordinate officers could be persuaded to agree to an armistice even if the commander remained opposed to it.

Responsible British sources said collapse of Vichy resistance in the Levant is inevitably approaching but the British and Free French commanders are prepared to offer liberal surrender terms in order to have peace in that region.

Vichy soldiers, it was understood, would be given the choice of joining the Free French or returning to unoccupied France.

All French ships, planes and war supplies found in Syria would be taken over by the Allies.

Countering the armistice reports, which were circulated as the allies told of new gains against the Vichy soldiers in the Levant, the Vichy embassy in Ankara denied that.

Still "burning up" over treatment he received from a German officer while held in a Nazi internment camp in Norway after the invasion, Private K. Parker, an American, had joined a Canadian regiment in hopes of getting a crack at his tormenters. Parker was a seaman on the American ship City of Flint when it was boarded by Germans. He swam ashore when the vessel decked at Oslo, Norway but was caught by the Nazi invasion and interned. An American consul arranged his release.

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Bishops read Bitter protest From Pulpits

Letter Has Startling Effect On Hearers; First Such Protest Since Start Of War.

BERLIN, July 6.—(AP)—Bishops of greater Germany appealed to Catholics today to stand fast in their faith at a time when "existence or non-existence of Christianity" in Germany is at stake.

It was the first such bitter protest read from the pulpits since the start of the war and hence it had a startling effect among the faithful.

The letter outlined recent limitations put on the church and emphasized dangers which it said the church is facing.

"We have lost our schools," the

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Heavy Battle Develops Along Moscow Sector

Nazi forces suffer defeat when Red Army counter-attacks.

MOSCOW, July 7.—(Monday)—(AP)—The Germans have been forced to take the defensive in the Ostrov sector near the Latvian frontier after a heavy defeat by Soviet counter-attacks, the Russians declared in a communiqué early today.

In the Moscow sector, where the Germans are thrusting toward Moscow, a heavy battle developed in the afternoon after Soviet troops counter-attacked Nazi mechanized units.

The communiqué reported German attempts to cross the Dnieper river in the Bobruisk sector were repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

In the Novograd Volynsk sector on the Ukraine frontier, Soviet troops launched attacks on German mechanized forces, the communiqué added.

Earlier the Red army announced it had taken the initiative in counter-attacks against German troops weakened by heavy losses and told of one roaring battle of machines in which 300 German tanks were destroyed.

The Soviet forces shook off heavy German blows in the Baltic and White Russian fronts and were said to have pushed the Germans back in earlier months of the war. The official account of the tank battle did not give its exact location and was contained in dispatches mentioning heroism of Red troops and commanders.

"A tank unit commanded by Comrade Slepsov was ordered to destroy enemy motorized and mechanized units in 'R' district," the dispatch said.

"In a grim battle with large enemy tank forces Slepsov's column fought the enemy."

"The Fascists then attempted to

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Heavy flow of Equipment to Middle East

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The flow of lend-lease munitions to Egypt to reinforce Britain's defence of the Middle East was reported authoritatively today to have reached almost a ship a day.

Officials familiar with administration of the \$7,000,000,000 lend-lease fund said that between 20 and 25 ships a month are being dispatched by way of either the Atlantic or Pacific routes to the Red Sea.

The manner in which shipments have been accelerated after a slow start tended to relieve the pessimism of some United States military experts over British chances of holding on in the Mediterranean.

Defence officials were said reliably to be hopeful now that the

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Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Reserve July 10th for picnic at Kelly's Cross. L-76-7-4-11.
- Dance, Montague I.O.O.F. Hall, Wednesday, July 9. L-131-7-7-2.
- Wanted to buy—Bologna Cattle and Veal Calves all grades. Please write for prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-131-7-7-2.
- Garden Party with Summer Side Girls Band, in aid of Queen's Canadian Fund at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ables, New Glasgow, July 9th, 8.30 P. M. L-768.
- Cap Traverse Church of Scotland Ladies Aid Annual Ice Cream Social July 9th. L-629-7-7-11.
- Regular weekly dance, St. James Hall, Summerfield, July 9th. Ding Connolly's Orchestra. L-87-7-M-W-L.
- Ice Cream Social Darnley Hall Tuesday evening, July 8th, under the auspices Women's Institute. L-124-7-7-1.
- Mt. Mellick W. I. Ice Cream Social, July 9th in aid of work at MacRae's, Waterside. L-120-7-7-11.
- Reserve Wednesday, July 10th for Murray Harbor tea and boat races, bingo and other attractions. L-982-6-30-61.
- The amateur comedy club of Charlottetown will play in Bonshaw, July 9th; Murray Harbour July 16th. L-138.
- Women's Institute serving meals Legion Hall, Montague, (Opposite Clark's Store), day of races. Instead of grounds as formerly. Your patronage will be appreciated. L-128-7-7-21.
- The annual meeting of the Eastern King's Board of Trade will be held in the United Church Hall, Main Street, Souris, on Wednesday, July 9 at 8 p.m. L-132-7-7-21.
- Poultry collectors, bring us your weekly collection. Will buy outright at highest market value or just dress them, as you prefer. Poultry Killing Plant. L-141.
- Poultrymen—Many so called "culls" are good enough for table use. We buy on a graded basis—dead or alive. We're at your service. Poultry Killing Plant. L-141.
- Poultry Killing—Cull your flocks, fatten and market non-layers. Poultry dressed by an expert at small cost. Why bother doing the job at home. Will receive early part of week. Poultry Killing Plant, 60 Fitzroy St. L-141.
- Hogs—We require hundreds of hogs every week. Market yours through our province-wide assembling facilities for better results. Trucking service in every locality. Contact our local agent for expert marketing service. Livestock Shipping Association. L-141.

10,000 - ton Italian Cruiser Is Torpedoed

Fascist warship explodes and sinks; Three Axis supply ships also destroyed.

By Ernest Agnew
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—Sinking of an Italian cruiser, probably the 10,000-ton Gorizia, and three axis supply ships and the crippling of a 9,000-ton Italian merchant cruiser were announced by the admiralty today after a spurt in Mediterranean activity of British submarines.

If it was the Gorizia, as the admiralty said it believed, then British naval power apparently has wiped out all of the Zara class of four cruisers launched in 1930 and 1931. The Zara, Plume and Pola are believed to have been sunk in the battle of Matapan, off southern Greece, March 28.

These cruisers, carrying normal complements of 705 men, were each armed with eight eight-inch guns, twelve 3.9-inch guns and 18 anti-aircraft guns.

The admiralty said that on June 29 a British submarine sighted two Italian eight-inch gun cruisers screened by four destroyers. Quickly the submarine fired torpedoes into the bunched warships.

"The leading cruiser, thought to have been the Gorizia, was struck by two torpedoes," the communiqué said. "The magazine blew up and the cruiser sank."

The admiralty followed "its report with a longer communiqué on further Mediterranean successes by His Majesty's submarines.

The Italian steamship Polinina, 1592 tons, was found carrying supplies to the Italian naval base of Cagliari on the southern coast of Sardinia, western Mediterranean island, and was sunk as was another enemy supply ship of about 6,000 tons.

The third supply ship, of about 8,000 tons, blew up with a violent explosion and is thought to have been carrying ammunition," said the admiralty.

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, July 6.—(CP Cable)—Labor Minister Bevin today disclosed that millions of men and women registered for war production jobs cannot be used at present because of lack of factories.

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Nazis claim Surrender of 52,000 Reds

High Command Says Operations Against Stalin Line Proceeding.

BERLIN, July 6.—(AP)—The German high command claimed today that 52,000 Russian troops west of Minsk had surrendered and that this increased the total Russian prisoners to about 300,000. (The confirmation is not confirmed.)

"Under pressure of the German pioneers," a special communiqué phrased it, the 52,000 "deserted" the Red Army cause. (These apparently were among units of two Russian field armies, totalling perhaps 600,000 men, which were declared July 6 to have been surrounded between Bialystok and Minsk, the White Russian capital. The high command has been silent about these field armies for several days.)

This alleged mass capture and a previous claim of 20,000 who yielded

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More workers Than factories Bevin reveals

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Dr. Manion says British morale Very high

NEW YORK, July 6.—(CP)—After three months in Britain, a great part of it spent with Canadian troops, airmen and sailors, Dr. R. Manion is convinced the morale of the British people is just as high as that of the Allies.

Dr. Manion, returning from his mission of studying the Canadian auxiliary services to report to the Minister of National Defence, James A. Ralston, reached here by clipper Saturday from Lisbon. He left by train for Montreal last night en route to Ottawa.

The auxiliary services are of vital importance to the armed forces, particularly in the army which, of necessity, is inactive in a fighting way, said Dr. Manion.

"These services are even more important than they were in the last war," he said. "The Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army, Canadian Legion and Knights of Columbus are doing great work in England."

It is of this work that the former Canadian Conservative leader will report to the government in Ottawa, Dr. Manion said, while the British people are hopeful that Russia will make a strong stand against the German war machine and confident that, while Hitler is engaged in the east, Canada and the United States will continue to rush war supplies of every kind to Britain.

SING SING PRISON, N. Y., July 6.—(AP)—Warden Lewis E. Lawes, 67, one of the best known penologists in the United States, today resigned as head of Sing Sing prison, a post he had held since 1929.

In a letter to the state commissioner of correction, John A. Lyons, at Albany, Lawes asked to be relieved of his duties. He is eligible to a pension of approximately \$6,000 a year.

"After 38 years and two months of service in the prison and correction department of New York, I am a 21-year and six-month record as warden of Sing Sing prison," Lawes wrote. "I feel that I should like to be free to devote myself to many causes which have long interested me."

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Peruvian planes Bomb Chacras

QUITO, Ecuador, July 6.—(AP)—An official announcement tonight said four Peruvian aircraft had bombed the Ecuadorian frontier town of Chacras, destroying the church and military barracks.

Airman drowned Near Halifax

HALIFAX, July 6.—(CP)—Cpl. James Riddell of Toronto, member of the Royal Canadian Air Force at nearby Eastern Passage, was drowned today while swimming in Cow Bay, at the mouth of Halifax Harbor.

R.C.A.F. officials said he sank after apparently being seized with a cramp. His body was recovered.

Captain in his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Riddell of (257 Marvueretta St.) Toronto. His regimental number was 10578.

Interpreting The War

By Kirke L. Simpson
Associated Press Staff Writer

Word that Japan is considering an extension of her territorial waters which would cut off the Russian States war supplies may be taken as an indication that the Tokyo government is leaning toward active steps to aid Germany.

It seems a fair deduction, however, that the essence of Japan's undisclosed policy decision will regard to the Nazi-Soviet war can be stated in three words, "wait and see."

For the moment, at least, her policy is to avoid flaunting directly in the faces of her Axis mates in Berlin and Rome a flat refusal to implement her tripartite pact with action against Russia. It was that when led Tokyo statesmen to the novel decision of reaching a grave decision—and then putting it into cold storage, undisclosed.

Presumably Japan intends to do nothing of major importance for the present. One reason may be that Tokyo knows much more about Soviet resources and resources than does Berlin. Japan has been dealing with Moscow for a long time and is quite well aware that even if Germany were to control of White Russia, the Ukraine and the Leningrad region, Russia still will have sufficient manpower and war industry resources east of the Urals to make her a ponderous factor in the Far East.

Nor can Tokyo doubt that the Axis-Soviet war will increase Japanese difficulties in China. It surely has removed the last possibility of serious friction between Chinese Nationalists and the powerful

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., July 6.—(CP)—Two Royal Australian Air Force members were killed and a third injured today when their Fairey bomber crashed here. The bomber was on a routine flight from No. 1 bombing and gunnery school at Jarvis, Ont.

It was believed the plane was piloted by Flying Officer Moore who escaped death by bailing out. Officials of the school did not immediately announce names of the men killed.

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Rising business Tempo slackens Slightly in May

OTTAWA, July 6.—(CP)—The rising tempo of Canadian business activity was sustained in May but the increase was less impressive than in earlier months of this year, the bureau of statistics said today in reporting a nine-per-cent boost in dollar sales of wholesale trading establishments during May from the same month of 1940.

This increase was smaller than the spread recorded for earlier months of 1941, due to the extensive wholesale trading which took place in the hardware trade averaged 17 per cent over May, 1940, results for the different regions showing increases of 14 per cent for Quebec, 17 per cent for the western provinces and 21 per cent for the maritime provinces and 21 per cent for Ontario.

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Boost wages of U. S. coal miners

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—A two-year contract boosting wages of 150,000 soft coal miners was signed today by the C.I.O.'s United Mine Workers and southern coal operators after four months' negotiations.

Announcing the agreement, John L. Lewis, U.M.W. President, said "the stoppage of work that was scheduled (for Tuesday) will not take place." He had ordered the miners, now on a vacation ending Tuesday, not to go back to work unless a contract was signed.

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Eden predicts Hitler will Talk peace

LEEDS, July 5.—(CP)—Internal conditions in Germany will force Hitler during the Russian campaign to make a new peace offer to Britain, Foreign Secretary Eden predicted Saturday. Mr. Eden rejected in advance the anticipated offer, which he said would be a false gesture.

Addressing an outdoor meeting here, Mr. Eden linked the unexplained flight to Scotland of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, with conditions within Germany.

"However little the German people may be encouraged to speculate or reflect," he said, "there are some who begin to see perils ahead and are correspondingly anxious and perplexed."

"Resultant confusion of thought finds expression in a strange variety of ways, including the parachute descent of a deputy fuhrler on a Scottish farm. We shall no longer see stranger happenings than that before we are through with the men who rule Germany."

"Of the expected peace offer Mr. Eden said: "We anticipate that Hitler, at a moment he considers opportune during his campaign in Russia, will seek to present himself in another of his occasional theatrical roles."

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N. S. man missing In forest district

BADDECK, N. S., July 6.—(CP)—Searchers combed the big hill forest district near here today for Arthur McIver, 62, missing since last Friday. McIver, who lived alone, was reported in poor health and it was feared he may have suffered a weak spell while in the woods.

Australians take Strategic Village

JERUSALEM, Palestine, July 6.—(CP)—Australian infantrymen who crossed the Damour River 12 miles south of Beirut have captured the strategic village of El Boum in their drive against the Lebanon capital, it was reported tonight.

Vichy Vessel Sunk by British

LONDON, July 6.—(CP)—A Vichy French auxiliary vessel flying the Turkish flag has been sunk by British aircraft, it was reported authoritatively tonight.

The Vichy French fleet auxiliary steamship St. Didier was detected abusing Turkish territorial waters with distinguishing marks painted out and flying the Turkish flag. She was sunk on the evening of July 4 by British aircraft in the neighborhood of Adalia.

Roosevelt Summer Home Is School

WELLSBORO, N. B., July 6.—(CP)—Thirty students are attending a summer student leadership institute near here at the Campobello island summer home of President Roosevelt. The list of lecturers at the school, sponsored by international student service for a 34-day session ending Aug. 2, is headed by same month Justice Felix Frankfurter, Archibald MacLachlan, librarian of congress, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Purpose of the institute is to aid in the creation of a democratic youth movement in training outstanding students in organization techniques and methods and purposes of the present anti-totalitarian struggle. Dr. William Allen Nelson, president-emeritus of Smith college, is director of the institute.

UNEASY LOOKS THE FACE THAT WEARS THE FROWN

TORONTO, July 6.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 58-74, Vancouver 58-74, Edmonton 58-79, Regina 57-79, Winnipeg 59-79, Toronto 68-79, Ottawa 68-89, Montreal 66-85.

SYNOPSIS

The weather has been very warm in the prairie provinces with light showers occurring in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. It has been fair and warm in southern Ontario but comparatively cool with showers in the Lake Superior region.

High tide this morning at 8.35 and tonight at 10.07.

Sun sets this evening at 7.48 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.21.

Full moon July 8, 4.17 p. m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

SUNDAY SERVICE

June 15th to Sept. 28th Inclusive
Leave Borden, 9.00 A. M. 12.00 noon, 4.45 P. M. 7.00 P. M.
Leave Cape Tormentine 10.05 A.M. 2.30 P. M. 5.50 P. M. 8.10 P. M.

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Leaves Wood Islands 7.00 A. M. 11.09 A. M. 3.30 P. M.
Leaves Caribou 9.00 A. M. 1.00 P. M. 5.00 P. M.