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BRITISH CAPITAL HAS HEAVIEST AIR RAID OF WAR

British Successful In Fierce Desert Battle In Africa

Fort Capuzzo is re-taken
by British; Royal Navy
backs up land forces.

(By ERIC BIGIO, Associated Press Staff Writer)

CAIRO, April 16—(AP)—A lightning-like British blow at the German-Italian rear in Port Capuzzo and hand-to-hand fighting just across the border in the Egyptian village of Salma, both backed up by the Royal Navy, were announced by the British command today with intimations that these desert outposts might have been wrested from the Axis.

Military circles expressed the view that the Nazi-Fascist blitzkrieg along the narrow strip between the desert and the sea has about spent its force—at least for the moment.

Simultaneously, British headquarters announced that the Duke of Aosta, Italian Viceroy of Ethiopia, had sent an envoy by plane to Dire-dawa. It was not known here whether he sought to negotiate for the surrender of the 40,000 Italian and 86,000 native troops still at large in the East African wilderness or to arrange for the withdrawal of Italian women and children.

Nazi bombers Wreak havoc In No. Ireland

BELFAST, April 16—(CP)—Between 200 and 300 German bombers blazed a path of havoc across North Ireland Tuesday night in a raid said to be as intense as any suffered by British midlands.

Hundreds of homes in the working class area of this city of more than 400,000 population were destroyed and considerable loss of life here and in surrounding towns was reported.

Rescue workers digging into the wreckage of bomb shelters, homes, two churches, a moving picture theatre and library here indicated casualties were heavy.

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Entire Italian Convoy Destroyed By British Ships

Five Axis cargo ships and three destroyers blasted from water at cost of one British destroyer.

LONDON, April 16—(CP)—An entire convoy of three Italian destroyers and five Axis cargo ships bound for Africa with munitions and mechanized equipment—and probably some troops—was blown up and sunk between Sicily and Tripoli by a British Mediterranean squadron Tuesday night, at the cost of one British destroyer.

The admiralty disclosed the news of this action tonight in a communique which followed an announcement that the Mediterranean fleet is continuing to bombard the German and Italian troops, aircraft and forts along the Libyan shore in support of the hard fighting Imperial desert armies.

Thus units of the Mediterranean fleet freed from convoy service to Greece, returned to the job of blocking axis supply lines to Africa. It has been generally believed that German mechanized forces reached Tripoli for their drive into Egypt largely because Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's fleet was engaged in protecting the transport of Imperial troops and vast quantities of supplies from Africa to Greece.

Two of the enemy ships sunk last night were about 5,000 tons each, heavily laden with motor transports, the admiralty said; two others of 3,000 tons each, "probably transports" were blown up; and the fifth, a 4,000-ton ammunition ship, blew up with a terrific explosion.

Convoys these ships were three destroyers, the 1,825-ton Luca Tarigo and two smaller craft which were not mentioned by name. All three were sunk.

The admiralty did not specify whether the eight vessels were destroyed by gunfire or torpedoes.

Unemployment Problem up For discussion

Subject included in
Agenda of Mayors'
Conference at Ottawa
This Month.

Details have been received by His Worship Mayor Holman of the agenda of the fourth annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities which takes place April 22-24 at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa. The agenda tentatively provides for consideration of the following matters: civilian defense and protection measures; wartime housing; direct unemployment relief aid; the Rowell-Sirois report; rehabilitation and post-war economic adjustment; municipalities and the war.

A representative group of Mayors of United States cities, including Hon. P. H. LaGuardia, New York, will be present and will participate in the discussions.

Mr. Hon. Malcolm Macdonald, High Commissioner to Canada from the United Kingdom, will be the guest speaker at the conference dinner on April 22.

A pre-conference meeting will be held on April 21 to which members of the executive committee, the central management and national executive committees and the regional chairmen have been invited.

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First Graduates From S'side Air School Get Wings

Two Island Airmen included
in class; "Bad news for Hitler".

An event of historical interest and one which is unique in the annals of Prince Edward Island took place yesterday afternoon when Hon. Col. Ralston presented the coveted "wings" to the first graduating class at the service flying training school R. C. A. F. at Summerside. It was a proud moment for the boys when they were called up to receive their wings.

Col. Ralston spoke a few words to each lad as he performed the ceremony and the happy smile that lit up the faces of the boys showed how proud they were to receive the honour. Two Island boys were in the class, one, Preston Barlow, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barlow of Wellington, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Clark of Summerside. The other boy, G. P. Aitken, comes from Lower Montserrat.

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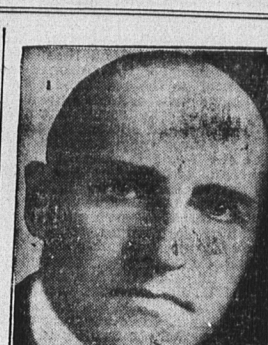
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COL. J. L. RALSTON
Minister of Defence for Canada

250 shipbuilders Strike at Halifax

HALIFAX, April 16—(CP)—J. C. McCullough, assistant to the chief conciliator of the federal labor department, was en route here tonight for a conference to attempt to settle the strike of about 250 shipbuilding workers at the Halifax shipyards limited.

James Wood, president of the boilermakers and iron shipbuilders union of the Halifax trades and labor council, said he had received a telegram informing him of the conciliator's departure.

"As far as I know, none of our union men are in the strike and I am doing everything possible to persuade them against joining those who quit," Mr. Wood said.

He said his union represented a majority of the 1,000 men employed in the Halifax yards.

James O'Connell, president of the congress of industrial organizations of marine and shipbuilding workers, said some of his union's men were on strike.

Vichy has Raid alarm

VICHY, France 17—(Thursday)—(AP)—Vichy, temporary capital of unoccupied France, had an hour-long air raid alarm last night for the first time since the French-German armistice.

The alarm sounded at 1:20 p. m. (6:20 p. m. AST) and the all-clear came at 12:20 a. m. (7:20 p. m. AST).

(The dispatch said nothing about bombs being dropped.)

The alarm sounded here shortly after the French information office told of the bombing of Bordeaux by the Royal Air Force on a second successive night last Sunday.

Approximately 25 houses in one quarter of Bordeaux were destroyed and windows, doors and chimneys of several surrounding houses were damaged, the information office claimed.

In contrast to Saturday night's Bordeaux toll, which now has reached 15 dead and more than 20 injured, the information office claimed only a few persons were slightly hurt in Sunday night's raid.

Germany, U. S. Reduce holdings At rapid rate

(By Charles E. Harner)
NEW YORK, April 16—(AP)—Responsible financial authorities disclose that the United States and Germany are reducing their investments with each other at a rate unparalleled in history.

Since the war began, Germany is estimated to have withdrawn 25 per cent of her financial holdings in the United States; Americans have cut down on their German investments just as rapidly.

But despite the speed of these liquidations, each nation holds tremendous sums of the other's money.

In Germany, United States citizens have invested at the present time \$480,000,000—a sum equal to a net \$4 for each man, woman and child in the United States; against this German credits and investments in the United States total \$100,000,000—so far as any German declaring was seized \$700,000,000 north of German property in the United States.

So far as investments are concerned, Germany would have a \$382,000,000 balance of power in the event the Washington and Berlin governments repeated their seizures of 1917. But it is pretty largely a paper superiority.

ROBBED TRAIN MAIL
LONDON—(CP)—Ernest W. Waller, lorry driver, was sentenced to nine months in jail on pleading guilty to entering a sealed mail car on an express train and stealing packets from two mail bags.

Anti - Aircraft Fire Gets One German Raider

Casualties feared heavy;
High explosive bombs range
in size to "super-calibre".

LONDON, April 17—(Thursday)—(CP)—German bombers diving low in a steady procession through fierce anti-aircraft fire smashed at London last night and early today for their heaviest raid of the war on the capital.

Stick after stick of heavy explosive bombs whistled and crashed into buildings and streets of the sleepless city, and casualties and damage were expected to be heavy.

(At 4:22 a. m. London time (11:22 p. m. AST) the Associated Press office messaged that there was a temporary delay in communications, recalling a similar interruption during the devastating attack last Dec. 29, when the Associated Press building in which the offices of the Canadian Press were located, was destroyed by fire.

Seasoned observers agreed that this was the heaviest blow yet loosed on London.

LONDON, April 17—(Thursday)—(CP)—The all-clear sounded in London early today after an hour's long raid by German bombers.

Casualties were believed heavy. The raid thundered on for hours without a let-up.

The throb of low-flying planes mingled with the crash of guns so noisily that Londoners gave up all thought of sleep this night.

The raiders appeared to race over in a wide arc to drop their bombs and scurry away, followed by their mates in an endless stream.

The concentrated raid was described by some as the heaviest of this year, by others as the most severe of the war.

It was the first big assault on London since the Royal Air Force made their heaviest raid on Berlin April 9, after which the German press published threats that the Nazis would "retaliate."

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Income tax Deadline is Drawing near

OTTAWA, April 16—(CP)—The final day of reckoning for some 500,000 Canadians liable to income tax on 1940 earnings is approaching.

All income tax returns must be in by April 30 or the penalties provided by law are apt to fall on the delinquent.

Today the department of National Revenue reported income tax collections for March at \$39,958,806, an increase of \$34,061,886 over March, 1940.

The increase was a reflection of the higher rates and lower exemptions applicable to 1940 incomes than 1939, as well as to the new installment plan for payments inaugurated this year.

For the fiscal year ended March 31, income tax collections totalled \$272,380,290 compared with \$314,448,586 in the fiscal year 1939-40. Failure to file an income tax return on or before April 30 makes a taxpayer liable to a penalty of five per cent of the tax ultimately payable and on payments due April 30 but not paid, interest at the rate of five per cent per annum is chargeable.

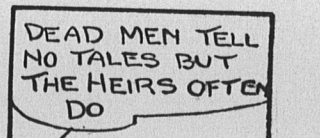
Brig. M. A. Pope
Is promoted

OTTAWA, April 16—(CP)—Changes in the designation of senior officers of the Defence Headquarters staff, whereby Brig. M. A. Pope, hitherto Deputy Chief of the General Staff, becomes Vice Chief of the General Staff, were announced today.

Brig. M. A. Pope now is Assistant Chief of the General Staff instead of Assistant Deputy Chief. The appointment held by Brig. E. L. M. Burns whom he replaced on his return from the United Kingdom, Brig. Burns had been posted to Canadian Headquarters in England.

In the Directorate of Medical Services Col. E. G. Davis, formerly of London, Ont., and hitherto Assistant Director becomes Deputy Director.

CO-STARRED IN FILM
BIRMINGHAM—(CP)—Sarah Churchill, actress-daughter of Britain's Prime Minister, and her husband, Vic Oliver, the comedian, will shortly make their first film together on an express train and steaming packets from two mail bags.



DEAD MEN TELL
NO TALES BUT
THE HEIRS OFTEN
DO

OTTAWA, April 16—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures

Dawson	33 51
Victoria	39 54
Edmonton	31 —
Regina	35 50
Winnipeg	36 57
Toronto	44 51
Ottawa	38 58
Montreal	41 59
Quebec	39 59
Saint John	37 58
Halifax	38 58
Charlottetown	40 46

FORECAST
Gulf and north shore: moderate to fresh winds; fair and cool.

Maritime Provinces and Bay Chaleur: moderate winds; fair not much change in temperature.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and mild in Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan but cool with light rain and snow in western Saskatchewan and Alberta. Rain is occurring tonight in the lower lake region while the weather in other parts of Ontario has been fair with moderate temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 2:39 and tomorrow morning at 4:01.

Sun sets this evening at 6:47 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:12.

Last quarter moon April 18, 9:03 a. m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS
Leaves Borden 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M.
3 5 P.M., daily except Sunday.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
"Don't forget play 'The Taming of the Shrew' at the Holy Redeemer Hall, Friday, April 25th by 5th Company Girl Guides.
"Loading hops at Albany every Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday until 11:30 a. m. A. C. Green Albany, G. C. Green, Emergent.
"Concert and 'Share the Wealth' by York Y. P. U. Parkdale School, April 18th, eight o'clock. Admission 25 cents.
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