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U.S. ARMY ON DIRECT ROAD TO BERLIN

BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR BUDGET BREVITY

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press)

WESTERN FRONT — United States Army crosses Rhine Thursday night at undisturbed point; 1st Canadian, British and American 9th Armies massed for crossing in northern sector.

EASTERN FRONT — Germans desert; Soviet tanks enter west of Oder defence line within 21 miles of Berlin; Moscow announces capture of Danzig and Gdynia split by Soviet surge to Danzig Bay.

AERIAL — More than 4,000 Allied aircraft batter communications in and around Ruhr in preparation for impending Allied Rhine crossing.

PACIFIC — Total of Japanese planes destroyed or damaged in American carrier attacks March 11-19 boosted to 781.

BURMA — Indian armored forces driving south from Mandalay further conquests; nose around trapped Japanese.

Coming Events

- Loading hogs every Thursday at Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merivyn Davis, Peake. 1-25-11
- Basilica Altar Society Pantry Sale, Saturday, 3-25-45.
- Christian Church School Room, 3:00 today. 1-24-11
- Bookings orders for Asphalt Shingles. Car to arrive April 1st. N. Aubrey Outcliffe.
- Loading hogs for Davis and Fraser Ltd. every Tuesday until train time. Earl Jay, Mt. Stewart. -27-11
- Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., Tuesday, March 27th at Mt. Stewart. Norman MacKenzie, Jenkins. 1-22-11
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at usual points during week of March 26th. Consult local agent for service. 3-24-21
- Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Keith McKinnon, Montague. Norman MacKenzie, Cardigan. 1-12-11 Fri-Sat. 1-11-11
- Loading hogs for Davis and Fraser Ltd. every Tuesday until further notice. Dingwall and Rosier. Morrell. 1-1-11
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Murray Harbour, Melville and Uigg, Monday, March 26th. 1-24-21
- Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd. every Monday until further notice. Souris. George Dingwall. 1-26-29-11
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at St. Teresa, Monday afternoon, March 26th. McCarthy in charge. 1-24-21
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Elms, Monday afternoon, March 26th. John Pierce in charge. 1-24-21
- Loading hogs to Charlottetown Tuesday afternoon March 27th. Telephone for service. Ted Crane, Millview. 1-24-21
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Bedford, March 26th. McDonald in charge. 1-24-21
- Unloading car of oats, wheat and barley meal, Saturday and Monday, March 24th and 26th at Cardigan, Melville and Acorn. 1-28-21
- By popular request the "Park Sale Review" will be repeated on Monday, March 26, 8:15 p.m. Admission 25 cents. Women's Institute. 1-24-21
- Accepting hogs for shipment at Charlottetown every day in the week except Saturday. Hog marketing shipments loading regularly, alternate days. Livestock Marketing Board. 1-24-21
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Hunter, River Monday afternoon, March 26th and following Tuesday until train time. General Gearwell, Gordon Matheson in charge. 1-24-21
- Buying Pigs at Fredericton Monday. Charlottetown Market Square Tuesday 11:00 A.M. York 1:00 P.M. Mt. Stewart 3:00 P.M. 1-24-11
- A pair for good pigs over 30 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones. Krudt severnson. 1-24-11

War Situation Last Night

(Associated Press War Analysis)

The war in Germany stands upon the threshold of events that will permit fairly soon some credible estimate of how long organized resistance can last.

That could be discerned as much from official Russian and Allied silence as from actual current developments on either front — with German broadcasts telling of Allied attempts to cross the Rhine both north and south of the Remagen bridgehead, and of Russian attempts to cross the middle Oder in force at Koenigsberg. There was no Allied or Russian confirmation of these German assertions. There could be little doubt, however, that if the massive double or quadruple final assault on inner Germany planned at Yalta had not actually begun, it might come at any moment. Certainly on both fronts patrols were reaching out to test enemy strength beyond the last important river barriers that guard the heart of Germany.

Weather conditions must necessarily have much to do with timing of major assaults. They seem to have been especially favorable for several days in the west, giving Allied air power opportunity to smash mercilessly at enemy troops as well as at communication keys and ammunition storage dumps. There are no similar indications from the east but since Russian air power is primarily reserved for close tactical support of advancing troops, weather makes less difference there. Big Allied bombers do the strategic bombing to aid the Russians and they are less weather restricted than Allied support aviation groups. German reports and the general tone of field reports from the Allied front place the scene of greatest assault concentration west of the Rhine at the extreme north end of the line. About all that has been revealed by the Allies was that heavy trans-Rhine bombardment, under the greatest military smoke screen ever raised, had been in progress for hours virtually from Duesseeldorf to the Arnhem corner in Holland. The Germaine said the Ruhr, the vast industrial area on the east bank on which the enemy rely chiefly for creation of the war equipment that proved not sufficient to conquer the world, is the Allied objective.

That is true, no doubt, although Rhine crossings to the south also at the same time are to be expected. It does not follow that a cross-Rhine drive by Field Marshal Montgomery's American-British-Canadian armies in the north would necessarily be aimed directly at the Ruhr.

It would seem more probable that Marshal Montgomery would strike north of the Ruhr while the American bridgehead on the east bank was expanded northward toward him. A pincer play to by-pass the Ruhr both north and south and squeeze it off probably would be less costly in casualties than direct attack.

Shadow Of Ontario Election Over Ottawa

(Special To The Guardian)

OTTAWA, March 23 — It is impossible to look at the situation in the Capital today without taking into consideration the defeat of the Progressive Conservative government of Premier Drew in Ontario.

The defeat of that government and the consequent dissolution and election which is almost certain to be announced, undoubtedly has altered the estimates and what presumably will be the actual expenditure is \$261,000, and that is just the amount of the increased cost of this month. The estimate of the cost of the various parties and the changes in that strength since August, 1943. It will bring down into the open the various plans at least which the Progressive-Conservative would otherwise have held until a Federal election and it will show clearly the position of the Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation as a power in Canada's industrial areas.

Reliable sources in Toronto have predicted an election in early June, as soon as possible. If there is an Ontario election any time in June, the Federal election will be postponed until August, at least, in order that the two campaigns will not conflict.

In the House of Commons, John H. Blackmore (SO) Leithridge, Alta., made one of the most far-reaching speeches to date in the present session.

Mr. Blackmore distrusted the San Francisco conference because it would destroy our national sovereignty.

Isolationist Speech

Summarized Mr. Blackmore's proposals were that Canada should preserve her national sovereignty intact, refusing to enter into commitments such as nations at San Francisco conference, that she and all other nations should carry enough armament individually to make their national power felt, that she should limit her import and export trade to those countries which would trade directly with her, and would trade only in the amounts which would export back to her.

Outside of a few French Canadian members, Mr. Blackmore is the first individual member of the House of Commons to have recommended a policy which amounts to isolationism. While differing with the details of the San Francisco proposals and perhaps feeling that certain particular proposals are wrong, the general membership of the House of Commons has been prepared to support the world-wide organization not for what it is, but for what it may be.

If Canadians are unwilling, along with the other nations of the world, to sacrifice their immediate national interests to the good of the whole world, it is obvious that another twenty-five years will have brought about the conditions which will make a world conflict inevitable.

Warns N. B. Farmers Re Potato Acreage

FREDERICTON, March 23 — Agriculture Minister A. C. Taylor today urged New Brunswick farmers to guard against increasing potato acreage. He said there was grave danger of over-production in view of the large 1944 crop.

Air Cadets To Have Glider Training

OTTAWA, March 23 — (CP) — The first phase of a Canadian air cadet glider training program will get underway this summer with an instructor's training course at a gliding camp in Ontario, it was decided today at the concluding session of the two-day annual meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Each province will send a group of prospective chief instructors to learn the rudiments of primary glider training. They will begin provincial glider training next September.

The League decided to maintain air cadet strength across Canada at its present 30,000.

Another 8,000-Plane Blasting Of Reich

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, March 24 — (Saturday) — History's mightiest aerial onslaught roared to a thunderous climax yesterday as more than 8,000 Allied planes battered communications in and around the devastated Ruhr region.

With the successful bridging of the formidable river barrier by the United States 3rd Army, there appeared to be no respite for the Germans from the aerial attack.

The German radio indicated that R. A. F. Mosquito bombers were over the Reich in strength again tonight, blasting varied targets in bright moonlight.

The 19th Tactical Air Force planes formed a protective umbrella over the 3rd Army front and Edward Ball, an Associated Press war correspondent, reported that 22 German planes were shot down in the biggest air battles in the 3rd Army sector in months.

It was the second successive day that more than 8,000 planes hammered the Reich and by nightfall more than 8,000 sorties had been flown by continent-based Tactical Air Forces.

Help The Red Cross "DALAM" TEA

N. B. HOUSE ADJOURNS

FREDERICTON, March 23 — (CP) — The New Brunswick legislature today adjourned until April 3. Premier J. B. McEwen said preparation of some legislation had been delayed. Saint John bills before the municipalities committee occupied most of the legislative time today.

Speculate Von Rundstedt Killed

(By The Associated Press)

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Paris, March 23 — Speculation developed today whether Field Marshal Von Rundstedt might have been killed last week when Allied bombers, using a secret new incendiary bomb, destroyed what was believed to have been his Western Front headquarters.

Queen On Visit To Canadian Hospital

SCOTSDWARFEN IN ENGLAND — March 23 — (CP Cable) — The Queen paid a three-hour visit today to a Canadian general hospital and told the nursing sisters after visiting the various wards where she had either a smile or kind word for everyone, that she was touched by the courage and patience of the soldiers she had seen.

The hospital staff, 90 per cent French-speaking and there were many French-speaking Canadians as well as members of the French forces among the patients. Her Majesty spoke French most of the time.

Drew's Next Move Is Not Revealed

TORONTO, March 23 — (CP) — Premier George Drew, after a three hour cabinet meeting, tonight announced "the course of action had been decided upon but it would be most improper for me to say anything more until the formalities have been completed."

His statement left the Province still wondering at the developments following the defeat of the Progressive-Conservative government by a 51-50 vote in the Legislature late last night.

Kesselring Transfer Viewed With Pleasure

ROME, March 23 — (AP) — The reported transfer of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring to the Western Front will follow the people of Rome, where his mastery would draw up the Italian peninsula has made Allied progress particularly in his defence of the city, that his acknowledged brilliance will help the Germans much along the Rhine.

For one thing, he will not have the advantage of the terrible mountainous terrain which has been his chief ally in Italy. For another, he will find it difficult if not impossible to shift his new army in his defence of the city, that he and again halted threatened Allied breakthroughs through on this peninsula.

Allied officers generally credit Kesselring with having done an extremely efficient job, particularly in his defence of the Cassino and in stopping the British 8th Army at the edge of the Po plain last fall. He has the ability to extract the utmost from his troops.

Prince Co. Hospital

On motion of Mr. E. H. Strong the House went into committee with Mr. Francis in the chair on a resolution to amend the Act to incorporate the Prince County Hospital.

The bill authorizes the trustees to use bonds exceeding the sum of \$225,000 for the purpose of erecting a new hospital building.

The present building, the pro-motor stated, is greatly overcrowded. It is an old wooden structure.

Mr. Heath Strong suggested that the building might be acquired by the Government as an Infirmary at a reasonable price when the new hospital is completed.

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Burned To Death

EDMUNDETON, N.B., March 23 (CP) — Stephen Bell, 39, was burned to death yesterday when trapped after fire broke out in the engine house of the Canadian National Railway coal plant at Wapake. He is survived by his widow and nine children. About a year ago, Bell was in town, buying a house some distance away, when the dwelling burned.

New Crossing Of Rhine Announced

Proceedings In Legislature

The Legislature met yesterday at 3 p.m. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a communication from the secretary of the Lieutenant Governor stating that His Honour had been pleased to appoint this day at 2:30 o'clock to receive the House and their address in answer to the Speech.

The hour appointed had arrived. Mr. Speaker and the House proceeded to attend upon His Honour, and when he returned, Mr. Speaker reported to the House that His Honour had been pleased to receive the Address and give reply thereto. He then read the reply, all the members of the House standing.

Mr. Heath Strong asked the Minister of Highways if he had information as to where the snow plow was operating between Summerside and Borden.

Hon. Mr. Barbour said the plow was now as far as Cape Traverse. The tractor plow is at Rustico. "There are a great number of calls from the people of the Province to have the secondary roads opened up," he said. "I think it is a great mistake to keep the roads closed at this time of the year because the frost is out of the ground and the trucks going over these roads several times they are cut into deeply. I wish the public would be a little patient in this matter. I don't think we would be making any mistake if we close these roads to traffic within the next few days because we are learning our roads to pieces and two or three trucks over a road will spoil the whole road for the winter. It costs the Department a good deal of money and we are ruining the roads by taking supplies and men over them at the present time."

Hon. Mr. Wright submitted a report of the committee on private bills.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Wright the House went into the chair on a resolution to authorize the Government of the Province to set up a scheme. It was discussed by Hon. Mr. Wright, Mr. E. H. Strong and reported agreed to.

Mr. MacMillan asked the leader of the Government as to his plans for the session.

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PARIS, March 24 — (Saturday) — (AP) — The U. S. 3rd Army swarmed in strength across the Rhine Thursday night in the war's greatest river crossing, overwhelmed the startled enemy and struck inland with lightning speed from a firm bridgehead on the shortest road to Berlin—265 miles ahead.

By Friday the Americans had seized a sizeable strip of territory east of the river, for an official announcement referred to the position as a bridgehead, which in army terminology means the crossings are beyond enemy light artillery range.

(That might mean they were as much as five miles beyond the Rhine.)

The crossing, which the Germans said was made with amphibious tanks as well as assault boats, came without a preliminary bombardment which might have tipped off the enemy.

Gen. Patton was pressing home what might well prove a mortal blow without giving the enemy time to recuperate from the German catastrophe west of the Rhine. The charging troop were talking in high spirits of beating the Russians to Berlin.

The enemy was so startled by this swift assault that some troops retreating from their defeat west of the river, were caught eating and not a single heavy shell was fired until two hours after the first troops touched the east bank in the moonlight of 10:25 p.m. Thursday.

The first hint of this coup, comparable to the United States victory in sealing the bridgehead at Remagen, came from enemy broadcasts which located the landings near Oppenheim, 10 miles south of the fallen city of Mainz.

The 3rd Army was striking inland with the arm speed with which it broke across the Moselle River and turned or smashed all the German defences in the Saar and Palatinate.

Assault boats and amphibious craft, piled the can Rhine, putting supplies and men on the beaches and keeping the surprise push rolling.

"I wish Army Group Headquarters announced that the crossing was made at 10:25 Thursday night without aerial or artillery preparation, and since then the bridgehead had been steadily enlarged. The operation had been planned and rehearsed for months, long before 3rd Army forces stood on the Rhine.

"Industry in the assault waves were so elated by the success of this bold stroke that they began naming themselves for the job of taking Berlin.

This second setback for the Germans east of the Rhine, which might well be mortal, came as history's greatest aerial onslaught occurred the north German plain warned the enemy that Field Marshal Montgomery's three massed armies were about to strike across from the Ruhr.

Breakthrough East Of Berlin Reported

LONDON, March 23 — (AP) — The Germans claimed tonight that 72,000 Russian troops and 400 tanks had broken through the Berlin or Berlin crashing six miles west of the Oder River defence line within 31 miles of the impudently capital. Simultaneously, Moscow announced that the defenders of Danzig and Gdynia had been split in two by a Soviet surge to Danzig bay that won the coastal town of Zoppo, midway between the prize Baltic ports.

The enemy claimed that the Red Army had launched a mighty assault from the Oder River under a thunderous air bombardment and barrage by Red Army artillery, mortars and rocket-guns.

A few hours earlier a German front report said Russian infantrymen had reached Gollzow, on the Kuestrin Berlin trunk railroad, and a Berlin dispatch by the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau in Stockholm said: "The major Russian offensive against Berlin is immediately at hand."

The report was not confirmed by the Soviet high command which however, in its nightly communiqué announced a sharp jump in German tactical losses—frequently an early indication of powerful new Soviet thrusts.

Charged After Armed Holdup

MONTREAL, March 23 — (CP) — John Stack and Tom Pyle today were remanded until April 9 on charges of conspiracy and armed robbery arising out of the holdup of Brinks Express Company guards and the theft of \$15,000 payroll here several weeks ago.

Two other men, Louis Delicato, a guard, and Pte. Bob Jones, R.C. A.S.C., are scheduled to appear for preliminary hearing on similar charges April 6. They were the chief witnesses at today's hearing.

Delicato told how he had been stopped by two armed and masked men while delivering the payroll, and said the men took the payroll envelope and his revolver. He replied "no" when he was asked if he had known he was going to be held up at that spot.

Jones testified that plans for such a holdup had been made in a pool room two months ago, and said that he had driven Stack and Pyle to the holdup spot the morning of the robbery.

Delicato, under further questioning, said that he had discussed possibilities of such a holdup with Pyle and Stack some weeks before the robbery.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

Toronto, March 23—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Toronto 38, 49; Edmonton 27, 47; Regina 36, 60; Winnipeg 31, 61; Toronto 35, 51; Ottawa 32, 51; Montreal 30, 42; Quebec 30, 50; Saint John 20, 42; Moncton 22, 44; Halifax 23, 43; Charlottetown 34, 42.

FORECASTS

Maritime West: Fresh to strong winds; mostly cloudy and cool with occasional light snow or part rain chiefly in New Brunswick.

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Bay Chaleur: Strong winds; cloudy and cool with light snowfalls or flurries.

Lower St. Lawrence — Partly cloudy and cool; snowflurries in east portion.

High tide this morning at 9:21 and this evening at 8:30. Sun sets this evening at 7:17 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:55. Full moon March 26th, 1:44 P.M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7:45 A.M. 11:30 A.M., 5:45 P.M. Arrives Charlottetown 11:51 P.M. 5:30 P.M., 8:45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12:15, 5:45 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 3:20, 8:10 P.M. CHAS. LOVETTOW — (NEW GLASGOW — Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1:10, 4:30 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 2:25, 5:40 P.M.

