

BRITISH VICTORIOUS OVER ITALIANS IN DESERT

Many Japanese Believe war with U. S. Inevitable

Newsman gives impressions gained while serving in Tokyo.



ESCAPES INJURY The Duke of Gloucester escaped injury recently when German planes dropped bombs near his party on a military visit, it was announced in London. No one in the party was hurt.

Sees fateful Decisions for U. S. in Far East

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Representative Ralph O. Brewster (Rep.-Maine) said today that his observations had led him to believe that "before another summer of fateful decisions of far-reaching consequence for America are likely to be made" in the Far East.

Coming Events

- *George Leightner Co. Water Street, buying dressed poultry, all kinds, top prices. Try us. L-751-11-2310 Dec. 31.
*Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds, Thursday, December 12th. Poultry prompt market prices. A. E. Murphy, Emerald. L-209-12-10-21.
*Buying live hogs as usual for winter months. Albany Thursday afternoon, Emerald Friday until 11 o'clock A.M. A. C. Green, Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.
*Marshfield school concert at Marshfield Hall Friday, Dec. 20th. L-269.
*School concert at Brookfield Hall Friday, Dec. 20. L-270.
*Southport School Concert December 20th. L-1261-12-11-31.
*Bonshaw School Concert, December 20th. L-198-12-9-31.
*Cance Cove School Concert, Thursday, December 19th. L-256-12-11-16.
*Bring in your poultry—dead or alive—each Tuesday and Friday until further notice, and get poultry, dead or alive—makes no difference—and share in the "best" price—made possible by quantity marketing. Livestock Feeds, Charlottetown. L-273-12-11-21.
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(Japan has made an alliance with Germany and Italy. Her leaders admit it contemplates the possibility of war with the United States. What issues do the Japanese feel are drawing them into such a conflict? Here follows the first of two stories summing up the Japanese state of mind, written by Reiman Morin, three years chief of the Associated Press Tokyo Bureau.)

By REIMAN MORIN TOKYO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The belief is widely prevalent in Japan today that Japan and the United States are on the road to war. Some Japanese believe it will be a direct collision between these two nations alone; others see it as a part of a vast British-American struggle against Japan, Germany and Italy, now formally united in an alliance.

They say the only means of avoiding this large, inclusive pool of friction would be for Japan to surrender her goals, get out of China and thus voided the 1924 Exclusion Act, but riots in San Francisco up to President Roosevelt's "quarantine" speech in Chicago. Japanese insist that the United States denies Japan her right to live.

The United States alone nullified the notorious "Twenty-one demands" on China and thus voided the 1915 and the Versailles conference. At the instance of the United States, Great Britain broke her two-together imposed the "humiliating" 5-5-3 naval ratio on Japan.

Mexico Would Welcome Minister From Canada

Blame Ciano For defeat?

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation in a broadcast heard by the National Broadcasting Corporation tonight quoted the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper information indicates Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister and son-in-law of Mussolini, is being held responsible for the Italian defeat in Albania.

War—25 Years Ago Today

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Maritimes do More Red Cross Work, is report

Dr. F. W. Routley, National Commissioner, Visits Province.

That the amount of Red Cross work was undoubtedly greater in the Maritime Provinces than in any part of central Canada because of the seaports and Royal Canadian Air Force training camps was the opinion voiced last night by Dr. F. W. Routley of Toronto, National Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Dr. Routley arrived in the city yesterday and his visit is part of a Maritime tour. He leaves by plane today for Toronto.

He was particularly pleased with the work done by the Prince Edward Island Division of the Society in the campaign this fall and made special mention of the activity of the Provincial President, Hon. Dr. W. J. P. Macmillan. He added that there was great activity also in the other two Maritime Provinces.

Dr. Routley declared that he was impressed with the importance of the Maritimes as a front line of defence in case of any aerial attack on Canada. Therefore there is a necessity of not only preparing to meet that exigency but also to meet the disasters that would follow. One of the main objects of the Canadian Red Cross Society is to give relief in times of disaster whether it be in peace time or war time, he asserted.

Canadian trade Mission welcomed in Colombia

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Canadian trade mission which arrived here yesterday, paid an official visit this morning to the governor of Barranquilla.

The governor gave the Canadian trade mission a cordial welcome, later accompanying them on a tour of public works projects. Members of the mission include J. M. Murley, Major T. E. MacNutt, Major J. R. Paton, and R. S. P. Jettre, retiring president, Major J. R. Paton, occupied the chair.

Italians claim Success in Egypt

ROME, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Italian reports from the Egyptian desert claimed only small scale action today—mainly the punishment of a British armored column by Italian fliers.

The high command claimed new Greek attacks were repulsed in Albania, and one newspaper came out with a sharp warning against defeatism. Italian dispatches from Africa claimed 10 Italian planes machine-gunned a British mechanized column of 30 machines south of Sidi Barrani. Some of the machines were reported stopped and others scattered in the desert.

Fox Pelts Make Big Advance On London Mart

Almost total Hudsons Bay Company offering sold at 115 per cent advance over last sale.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The commerce department disclosed today that shipments of gold again were being received from Portugal. Recent stoppages had created speculation in financial circles that some impending developments might have been responsible.

Queen's Co. Scouts elect New slate

Mr. Wellington "Duke" Dixon, of Charlottetown, was elected president of the Queen's County District Boy Scouts Association at the annual meeting last night. Mr. J. O. Hyndman also of Charlottetown, is honorary president.

Auxiliary Cruiser sails

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The British auxiliary cruiser H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle headed into the South Atlantic tonight with signs still showing of the damage she received in a fight with a German raider.

Dunning pays Tribute to Greek courage

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Greece had the courage "to set out to demonstrate that the Italian colossus has feet of clay," Hon. G. A. Dunning, former Minister of Finance, said in a broadcast address tonight.

Report fire Under control

PORT, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A salvage vessel was ready here tonight to proceed to the aid of the Canadian freighter R. J. Cullen, but the last word received here from the vessel was that her crew had gained control of a fire that broke out today.

Clamps lid On metals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight issued a proclamation requiring licenses from the Secretary of State for the export of iron, ore, pig iron, tin ferro alloys, seven semi-finished steel and iron manufactures, and 69 finished iron and steel products.

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Sirens break Long quiet in British Capital

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Wednesday)—(CP)—Air raid sirens sounding in the capital about 8 a.m. (1 a.m. AST) today broke a quiet interlude of more than 48 hours since Germany's heavy raid Sunday night.

The last alert had sounded at 7:30 a.m. Monday, but Britain's press had warned against false optimism, attributing the absence of German attacks to continental weather conditions.

British Gov't Rejects food Plans by groups

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The British government tonight rejected plans sponsored by private American organizations for sending food into German-occupied countries.

Successes in Egypt told By Churchill

(By Hugh Wagnon, Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Siding forces of the British army of the Nile have thrown a line of troops between two major Italian invasion bases in Egypt, and are ready to take 4,000 Fascist prisoners in a continuing offensive over an area stretching far into the desert from the Mediterranean coast, it was declared officially today.

YOUTH BRAVES BOMB

LONDON.—(CP)—Three young men—unofficial wardens of a South London Council—working by light of gun flashes, moved a 250 pound bomb to a churchyard and dumped it under a tree where it was exploded.

Fascist Forces Falling Back; 4,000 Prisoners

Mussolini's army unable to take "Blitz" tactics when British turn on heat.

(By Edward Kennedy, Associated Press Staff Writer) CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The British army of Egypt, applying in the desert wastes the tactics of extraordinary speed and shock used by the Germans in Poland and western Europe, has destroyed the communications between Italian advance and rearmost units, it was reported tonight.

Reports from the front said the British forces broke through the Italian positions protecting the Mediterranean base of Sidi Barrani—a main springboard of the Fascist invasion of Egypt, begun last summer—and pushed on to the coast.

In London Reuters reported that British armed units operating in the rear of Sidi Barrani were believed to have cut off parts of two Italian divisions.

A wide British encircling movement has engulfed a number of smaller camps in addition to Sidi Barrani itself, it was said, and in cleaning up the pockets the British were adding more prisoners to the 4,000 already held. A number of tanks and motor trucks also were reported seized.

The British advance was in charging columns of tanks and armored cars supported by planes which machine-gunned Fascist columns.

During the night the British army brought up supplies and strengthened its positions; at dawn today it resumed the offensive.

Monday, British bombers smashed all day at Marshal Graziani's rear forces, assaulting every air-drome in the western desert and in Italian Libya, and in these raids "immense damage" was announced officially.

The description of air action made it clear that it was in three sections: attacks upon Fascist troops, upon the bases of Italian air forces, and upon the area of fighting area with special attention to Italian troops transport along the coastal sector.

The road from Sidi Barrani to Bardia, Italian Libya, which Graziani must keep whole if material reinforcements are to come up, was reported under attack.

Best enthusiasm was expressed in Cairo. Newspapers carried banner headlines proclaiming in effect: "This is the beginning of the end for Mussolini!"

This new and "considerable" operation, which required the British and imperial forces to advance northward 75 miles from their interior Egyptian positions to engage the Italians, was described to a cheering House of Commons today by Prime Minister Churchill with the enthusiasm observation: "We shall no doubt receive further news shortly."

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A White House announcement declared that the licensing requirement, which becomes effective Dec. 20, resulted from the increased demand for such products for national defence. Licenses will be issued for exports to the British Empire and to nations in the western hemisphere, the announcement said, "and for the present, so far as the interests of the national defence permit, for export to other destinations in quantities approximating usual or pre-war exports."



O. C. 11TH BRIGADE Veteran of the C.E.F. and the R.F.C. Col. Alan Thomas, O.C. 5th Infantry Brigade N.P.A.M., has been appointed O.C. 11th Brigade, 4th Division, C.A.S.F., with the rank of brigadier.

Two hanged As spies in Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Britain hanged two German spies from the gallows, in gloomy, century-old Pentonville prison today in her first espionage executions of the war.

The two Nazis, 26-year-old Joe Waldberg, and 24-year-old Karl Meier, were convicted under the Treachery Act Nov. 22 in a civil trial at the Central Criminal Court. His penalty is death by hanging.

The charge was that they had executed a radio transmitter by night in secluded spots in the countryside. The court was told that their apparatus—entirely of German manufacture—was extraordinarily light, being carried in two black bags like camera cases, and could be adjusted to send on different wavelengths.

The official announcement said the men had been led to believe they would be relieved shortly by invading German troops.

12 MORE SHOPPING DAYS IF WOMEN'S CLOTHES ARE EXPENSIVE NOW WHAT WILL THEY BE WHEN THEY WEAR THEM AGAIN

Table with 2 columns: City, Temperature. TORONTO, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 23 8, Victoria 36 44, Regina 25 28, Winnipeg 11 22, Toronto 33 41, Ottawa 23 39, Montreal 7 38, Saint John 11 40, Halifax 29 38, Charlottetown 25 30.

FORECAST maritime east: strong winds, clouds with light rain or snow. A little colder at night. High tide this morning at 8:23 and tonight at 8:06. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:18 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:28. Full moon Dec. 14, 3:38 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves P.E.I. Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR Matchless for Baking Bread