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NAZIS BRING UP HEAVY GUNS AS BRITISH LINE HOLDS

Enemy Infantry Mowed Down At Historic Pass

British sources deny B. E. F. starting to leave Greece; Heavy German air attacks is key factor.

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—A BBC commentator declared tonight that "not one British soldier has re-embarked from Greece."

The commentator pointed out that the Germans and Italians are beginning that British troops already are embarking in flight from Greece.

(By J. Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Staff Writer) ATHENS, April 24—(AP)—Hurled back when they attempted to storm the historic pass of Thermopylae with infantry, the Germans today brought up the heaviest artillery yet used in the Balkan campaign and shelled the British-Greek positions.

The stoutness of the British resistance was indicated by the fact that the Germans brought up six-inch guns, which require elaborate emplacements, instead of using the mobile artillery previously employed in the campaign.

Ambulance drivers returning from the front said the British losses around Thermopylae had been "extremely light" but they understood that a German attempt to force the pass with infantry cost the invaders heavily.

Meanwhile, German dive bombers, darting down in the rays of the setting sun tonight heavily attacked Piraeus, the port of Athens, bombing a ship which was taking refugees.

The ship immediately burst into flames and the Government, identifying it as the 2,295-ton Hellas, a converted yacht, said many of the women and children boarding it for sanctuary from the war in Greek islands were killed or wounded.

Another steamship, said a home security ministry communique, was damaged heavily off the Greek Island of Kea and two hospital ships, both with conspicuous Red Cross markings, were sunk.

There were no casualties aboard the hospital vessel Polikos, sunk at Methone, the communique said, but a few of the crew of the hospital ship Andros sunk at Loutra were reported killed or wounded.

The heart of Athens trembled under the nearby explosions. (Athens) radio station was broadcasting normally at 7 p. m. A. S. T. but transmission was almost unintelligible because of interference, presumably from a powerful French code station.

(NBC said the broadcast devoted only a few minutes to news items instead of the usual full 15 minutes. The remainder of the broadcast was an epitaph on the fall of the Greek mainland.)

The military governor of Athens ordered citizens of the capital to maintain order during "these exceptional moments the country is passing through."

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Nazis Shower High Explosives Shift area of night attacks from southwest to southern England.

LONDON, April 25—(Friday)—(CP)—Switching their attentions from the southwest, German bombers showered high explosive bombs on a southern England area late last night.

Enemy planes also were reported over East Anglia after dark. The planes flew through a bitter northeast wind and in an overcast sky. They arrived over the new area at dusk and the raid developed along the usual pattern.

Anti-aircraft guns quickly replied to the bombers' appearance and searchlights went into action. During Wednesday night and early Thursday morning Nazi raiders heaped more damage and death on the port city of Plymouth which was attacked for the third straight night.

At least 12 persons were killed. An authoritative source said, however, that the bombing of Plymouth and other British ports has not closed them to shipments from abroad and particularly of supplies from the United States.

There is no British port, it was stated, where ships cannot get in or out.

GROW MORE FLAX CANBERRA.—(CP)—Aided by the Commonwealth government Australian farmers have been asked to plant 50,000 acres in flax in 1941—a large increase—to help Australia's textile industries.

Hear Germans Plan bases in West Africa

By Harold Fair Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, April 24—(CP CABLE)—The Nazis were reported today to be planning to establish new bases for waging the battle of the Atlantic by swarming into French-controlled Morocco with the ultimate aim of acquiring airfields and harbors on the west African coast.

It has been long known that penetration has become so intensified that any pretence that the Germans are there only as tourists and commercial travellers has disappeared. There are even reports that the Germans are seeking a fantastic increase in the size of the armistice commission in Africa.

Besides constituting a grave threat to Britain's sea lane to the east via the Cape and Britain-bound shipping from the south Atlantic, a German-controlled Morocco and Algeria would be a definite menace to Vichy, whose possession of these territories has provided a powerful bargaining point with the Germans.

While Gen. Maxime Weygand established unchallenged there with a sizeable army it is always a possibility that the Vichy government will join him if German pressure became too severe.

Informed sources considered, however, that the situation has reached such a point that the only way Vichy can deal with it is by use of force and that Gen. Weygand is in no position to do that alone.

Two additional Islanders safe After sinking

OTTAWA, April 24—(CP)—Names of 13 more Canadian survivors of the sinking of H. M. S. Rajputana, an armed merchant cruiser, have been received by naval headquarters.

Among these survivors were: Davidson, Charles Frank, stoker 2nd class, V25832, Mrs. Gertrude Davidson (mother), R. R. 3 Truro, N. S.

Saulnier, Albert, stoker 1st class, A1790, Mrs. Minnie Saulnier (mother), King's Minnie, P. E. I. Canavan, Lloyd Frederick, stoker 2nd class, V26810, Mrs. Amy Alberta Canavan, wife, 78-1-2 Laurence St., Halifax.

Tanner, James Gilbert, stoker 1st class, A2588, Mrs. Corrie Tanner (mother), Lunenburg, N. S. Hooper, Vincent S., stoker 2nd class, V2428, Milton E. Hooper (father), Murray Harbor, P. E. I. Pyke, Gilbert Judson, (cook) (s) A1224, Mrs. Ross Pyke (wife), Lunenburg, N. S.

Reinforcements For Singapore

By C. Yates McDaniel Associated Press Staff Writer SINGAPORE, April 24—(AP)—Formidable new reinforcements of men and machines landed at this British eastern stronghold today, strengthening the defence of Singapore and the Malay peninsula against a surprise thrust by land or sea.

The came in a big transport as reinforcements for the main body of the Australian Imperial force which arrived here Feb. 18. Australian manned bombing planes roared out to meet the convoy 100 miles at sea and circled overhead as the big troop-carrying liner steamed through a protective minefield and the powerful harbor fortresses to the naval base dock.

The new contingent included (Continued on page 9, Col 1)

First mobile Land fortress Is completed

DETROIT, April 24—(AP)—A formidable-looking mobile land fortress, first of a steady stream of such units soon to be rolling out of the Chrysler tank arsenal near here, was delivered today to the United States Army.

Presented by the Chrysler Dealers National Defense Committee, the newest weapon of the United States fighting forces is classified by the army as the M-3 tank.

The tank, weighing 25 tons and driven by a 400-horsepower aviation engine, can travel at more than 25 miles an hour and has a cruising range of 100 miles without re-fueling. Its armament includes a full-sized 75-millimeter field artillery cannon, a 37-millimeter anti-aircraft gun and a number of machine guns in fixed positions and in a motor-driven revolving turret.

Believes R.A.F. Puts Two Raiders Out Of Action

Nazi Battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst attacked for 12th time.

Blockade is Taking effect In Germany

By Louis V. Hunter Caribbean Press Staff Writer LONDON, April 24—(CP)—Britain's blockade is slowly but surely reducing Germany's war effort.

Data made available by the Ministry of Economic Warfare shows that while the only organized economy of the Nazis is not subject to any one overwhelming strain by lack of any particular commodity it is stretched at many points by the blockade. The effects are both direct and indirect.

The need to maintain synthetic and substitute industries, or simply to grow food instead of importing it, is a strain on labor and transport. The need to supply German soldiers in occupied countries and to keep Italy's industries going is a further strain.

Thus, the organization of supplies from and through Russia, and the provision of raw materials, make it increasingly necessary to keep the occupied countries going for Germany's profit. (Continued on page 9, Col 2)

British Stepping Up Offensive In North Africa

By ERIC HIGGO Associated Press Staff Writer CAIRO, April 24—(AP)—British sources, taking the initiative in increasing ground sorties, on the Libyan Egyptian frontier, tonight said Axis descriptions of Tobruk as a beleaguered city were "misleading."

It is two weeks now since the Axis drive toward the Suez tailed off at Salum, just inside the Egyptian frontier, and the desert veterans of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's headquarters here view the situation with confidence and some optimism.

This outlook was strengthened today by reports from Ethiopia which told of British South African forces routing Italian defenders from mountain barricades before Dessie, 140 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, in the fiercest battle of the East African campaign.

Frequent British raids from Tobruk were described as anything but attempts to break through and abandon the port. Instead, the sorties are highly successful harassment of Axis forces attempting to bypass Tobruk to push their thrust beyond Salum, it was stated.

In addition, the British fleet's destructive attack last Monday on the Axis base strengthened Gen. Wavell's hand considerably. The Tobruk and Salum troops have demonstrated their mastery of the situation, the British command said by inflicting 1,500 casualties in a dead end captured and taking a steady toll of Axis supply columns.

The only form of attack to which Tobruk has been subjected has been from the air and the garrison in the port was said to have found Italian-built shelters safe and comfortable.

FIRE DESTROYS MILL

DIGBY, N. S., April 24—(CP)—Fire of unknown origin yesterday destroyed a lumbermill and approximately 200,000 feet of lumber near Gulliver's Cove, Digby Neck. Frank Rowter of Digby, the owner, estimated the loss at more than \$6,000.

Pledge for War Savings "SALUDA" TEA

Eight enemy Planes downed

NEW YORK, April 24—(CP)—Royal Air Force fighters shot down eight enemy planes after intercepting a "strong formation" over Tobruk today, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported late this afternoon in a broadcast recorded here by the Columbia Broadcasting System short-wave listening station. The B.B.C. said R.A.F. losses in the battle were three planes, but two of the pilots were safe.

British rout Italian force

LONDON, April 24—(CP)—A Reuters News Agency dispatch dated "On the Dessie Road" reported that British South African forces have routed the Italians from mountain barricades before Dessie, Ethiopia, in the fiercest battle of the entire campaign. The South Africans captured many prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties on the Italians, Reuters said. Dessie is 150 miles northwest of Addis Ababa.

Three Airmen Killed, seven Are injured

(Canadian Press) Three airmen were killed and seven others injured in four air crashes in scattered parts of Eastern Canada Thursday. Most serious crash was that in which two English airmen, P. O. R. E. Ransome and LAC, Donald Hughes, both of London, suffered fatal injuries when a Royal Air Force plane from the Port Albert, Ont., training base flew into a hillside north of Guelph, Ont., during night manoeuvres early in the day.

Two English airmen in the same plane, Air Clifford Clark and AC William Goodman, were injured but their injuries were said to be not serious. Late in the day P. O. R. G. McDaniel was killed and P. O. M. D. Pae was slightly injured when a Royal Canadian Air Force plane from the Trenton, Ont., base crashed 12 miles east of there.

Only preliminary reports with few details were available on the accident. The third crash occurred near Port Lambton, north of Sarnia, Ont., in the afternoon when an R.C.A.F. plane from the Port Lambton base struck a tree. Flight Sgt. Ballantyne, LAC, A. T. Charlwood and AC F. J. Adams were injured. A fourth occupant of the plane, LAC C. Bruce, was unhurt. At Mount Unlace, N. S., 29 miles northwest of Halifax, LAC, N. P. Venham was injured when a plane from the R.C.A.F. base at Stanley, N. S., crashed. It was the first time a crash occurred in the area since the base opened a short time ago.

Expect Major Step By U. S. In Atlantic Battle

By J. F. SANDERSON Canadian Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, April 24—(CP)—President Roosevelt today called a meeting of what has been called his "war cabinet" as reports grew he would announce shortly a major step designed to help Britain win the battle of the Atlantic—naval patrols of the western reaches of the North Atlantic and half-way to Europe.

Major La Guardia, of New York, American co-chairman of the Canada-United States Joint Defence Board, gave the first clear indication of the plan in a speech in Ottawa last night. Official circles here today were guarded in what they said and evaded direct confirmation, but from all reports there seemed no doubt of the imminence of the plan to relieve the British and Canadian navies of some of

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Fire on strange Plane over Dublin

DUBLIN, Eire, April 24—(AP)—Dublin's ground defences fired on an unidentified plane which flew over the capital of Eire this afternoon. An official statement said: "An unidentified aircraft flew over Dublin this afternoon and was fired on by ground defences. A British plane made a forced landing in County Waterford this evening. This pilot who was uninjured has been interned."

Cordell Hull In Dramatic War Statement

Says ways must be found to rush U.S. war supplies to Britain, Knox holds same view.

Two war prisoners Are re-captured

MEDICINE HAT, April 24—(CP)—Two German war prisoners, who escaped with 26 others from a northwestern Ontario internment camp last Friday night, were captured here today. Their capture left only four still at large. Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Edmonton confirmed the first report that the two men, who readily admitted their identity when taken into custody, were German war prisoners.

The two gave their names to police here as Sgt. Maj. Karl Heinz Grund and Sgt. Moriz Lebeck. The names given by the men correspond with two names in the list of six prisoners issued in Toronto today by Attorney-General Conant's office. Horst was described by Mr. Conant's office as being 28 years old, five feet 10 inches, 172 pounds, fresh complexion and light brown hair. Lebeck was said to be 21, five feet 10 1/2 inches, 150 pounds, fair hair and blue eyes.

Police questioned the two men on suspicion and they were unable to produce registration cards, when they told the questioning officers they were. They said they reached this western prairie town by riding freight trains and hitch-hiking with motorists.

Medicine Hat is more than 1,000 miles from towns near the internment camp from which the 28 men broke into the northwestern Ontario bush. It is only 70 miles north of the United States border.

Churchill asks Postponement of War debate

LONDON, April 24—(CP)—For the second time in three days Prime Minister Churchill asked Parliament today to postpone a debate on the war but hinted he might make a broadcast on the Greek campaign in the meantime. The Prime Minister volunteered the remark that he was aware the House expected a debate on the war and said it would be held "at the earliest moment which enables the Government to give a full and reasonable account of what has taken place."

He warned that a "serious responsibility rests on the Government in taking any course or making any statement which might prejudice the success of the British, Australian, New Zealand and Greek soldiers who at this time are

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possible question that the safety of this hemisphere and of this country calls for resistance wherever resistance will be most effective. "In my judgment, our safety and security require that, in accordance with the declared policy of the legislative and executive branches of the government, aid must be supplied without hesitation to Great Britain and other countries that are resisting the sweep of the general conflagration. This policy means, in practice, and objectively, that aid must reach its destination in the shortest of time and in maximum quantity. "So—ways and means must be found to do this. It was a "short-sighted and extremely dangerous view," Hull said, for some Americans to argue that the United States need not resist until the western hemisphere is attacked and be pictured a situation

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DIES OF BURNS

YARMOUTH, N. S., April 24—(CP)—Elda Deveau, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Deveau, died in hospital here today of severe burns suffered last Saturday. The child was scalded when she upset a pot of tea.

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Forecast for Maritime East: Fresh or strong winds; cloudy and cool with showers. North Shore: Fresh winds; partly cloudy and cool; probably showers in west portion.

Maritime West: Fresh to strong winds; mostly cloudy and cool with scattered showers. Maritime East: Strong winds; cloudy and cool with occasional showers.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and cool in Ontario. Light scattered showers have occurred in Manitoba, where it has been somewhat milder, while in Alberta and Saskatchewan it has been fair and a little cooler.

High tide this morning at 10:08 and tonight at 10:45. Sun sets this evening at 6:57 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:58. New moon, April 26, 9:23 a.m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.