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NEW ENEMY MOVES SEEN AS ALLIES SCORE SUCCESS

British Airmen Strike At German Bases In Norway

R.A.F. Scores Outstanding Successes On Widespread Front.

LONDON, April 12—(Friday)—(CP)—The Royal Air force, striking for the second successive night at German-held airports in Norway, carried out two attacks on Stavanger airdrome Thursday night, setting fire to a gasoline dump and damaging Nazi bombers drawn up on the landing ground.

An air ministry bulletin, issued early today, said that a formation of British bombers took part in the attack and that one failed to return.

SCORE HEAVILY

Yesterday the Air Ministry estimated that during the last five days the R. A. F., scoring outstanding successes over a far-flung air zone, had destroyed at least 19 Nazi planes while losing only six.

One and possibly two more German machines were shot down yesterday, but these had not been registered officially.

BOMBERS DOWNED

At least seven German bombers were downed and two others gravely damaged by fighter craft and anti-aircraft batteries during Nazi raids on Scapa Flow and a convoy in Moray Firth Wednesday. The raid on Scapa Flow was described as the most important attack on the British Isles since the war began, with about 60 German warplanes sweeping over the naval base in successive waves.

Premier King Plans Vacation

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—Prime Minister King, in a prepared statement tonight declared "the Canadian government has no thought of attempting to intervene, directly or indirectly, in the affairs or policies of the United States."

The statement was issued, Mr. King said, because "in view of recent statements by the president of the United States that the position of the Canadian government on the question of the attitude of the United States in the present war."

Mr. King issued his statement in the course of a press conference at which he said he hoped to get away to Virginia for a holiday, possibly at the end of this week. He said he hoped to spend a day or two in Washington and might call on President Roosevelt and Cordell Hull, secretary of state.

The Prime Minister expressed pleasure at the report from the United States that President Roosevelt had told reporters he would be glad to have Mr. King call on him if he came to Washington.

"But I have made no arrangements to call on Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Hull," the prime minister said "in fact I have no definite plans at all. I hope to get away for a rest and will probably go to Virginia."

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

APRIL 12, 1915—Activities increased in the Near East and in Africa. Ailes opened battle against the Turks at Shabba, Mesopotamia, and began advance on Yaudda in the German Cameroons.

Coming Events

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**Cake Sale S. A. MacDonald's Saturday, April 13th. Children's table. Kings Daughters. L-124-4-8-21

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**The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Stanley Bridge Dairy Co. will be held in the Masonic Hall, Stanley, April 16th, 1940. Cheese vs. Butter main topic for discussion. All interested please attend. H. S. MacEwen, Secretary. L-131-4-11-1

SALARY BRIEF SUBMITTED BY P.E.I. TEACHERS

An increase in teachers' salaries on a sliding scale, based primarily on length of service, was requested in a brief presented to the Provincial Government and Legislature members yesterday by a delegation from the Provincial Teachers' Federation. The Government promised to give the request earnest consideration.

The following comprised the delegation: Mr. Edison MacDonald, president of the P.E.I. Teachers' Federation, Mr. Reginald MacDonald, general secretary for the Federation, Miss Jacqueline MacDonald, Prince Street School and Mr. Herbert Murphy, Queen's Square School.

Text of Brief

Following is the text of the brief presented to the Government: Honourable Members of the Legislature, Sirs:

Last year we were promised by the Government, that a complete overhauling of the School Act would be commenced at the next meeting of the Legislature, and because we are firmly convinced that in changing the School Act the most important matter to be adjusted is in relation to teachers' salaries, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

In presenting this case for a sliding scale of salaries for the teachers of Prince Edward Island, we wish to stress at the outset, that it is not alone from a desire to insure our own competency that the teachers are pleading for an immediate solution to the salary question, although that in itself should constitute a reason sufficient to have our request granted, but that we have in mind par-

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Holland And Belgium Ready For Invasion

AMSTERDAM, April 11—(CP)—Belgium and the Netherlands tonight completed all preparations for defence against a possible Nazi invasion of their eastern borders.

The Dutch Army was on a war footing while Belgian Defence Minister General Henri Denis warned that "if a potential invader studies the chances of crossing Belgium successfully, he will see that the possibilities are problematical."

Both countries feared that Germany, to retrieve reported setbacks in Scandinavia, might revive the famous "Schlieffen Plan" for a drive through the low countries to outflank the Maginot Line.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—British Navy fights in Norwegian waters; Winston Churchill tells of successes with more than 18 German ships sunk, 5,000 German lives estimated lost against four British destroyers and less than 1,000 men lost; air thrusts continue across North Sea; First Lord says Hitler blundered like Napoleon.

BERLIN—Germany claims positions "consolidated" in Norway; charges Britain planned Norwegian thrusts against Germany; claims three Allied destroyers sunk, aircraft carrier and cruiser bombed.

PARIS—Army leaves cancelled against possibility of German push on western front; Reynaud, cheered in chamber, tells of Allied victories.

STOCKHOLM—Norwegian civilians rally to join troops against Nazis; claim successes against invaders.

BUCHAREST—Balkans nervous over reports of Russian troop concentrations; fear German push down Danube; mysterious killing of two Germans regarded as "serious" by Rumanian police.

BELGRADE—Mysterious leaflets, "do not resist Germany if you value your freedom," scattered about Yugoslav capital.

Deputy Minister To New Dept. Is Appointed

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—George Kingsley Shells, director of Administration of the War Supply Board, was today appointed Deputy Minister of the newly created Department of Munitions and Supply.

Announcement was made by Prime Minister MacKenzie King, who said Wallace R. Campbell, chairman of the War Supply Board since its inception, was returning at once to his responsibilities as head of the Ford Motor Company of Canada at Windsor, Ont., but would assist the new department in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Howe was associated with the Prime Minister in his announcement tonight. He said W. C. Woodward of Vancouver, a member of the board, would remain in the new department and was hopeful that Lt.-Col. W. A. Harrison of Saint John, N. B., and C. E. Gravel, Montreal, the other members of the board, would also remain.

Mr. Shells, the new Deputy Minister is a native of New Brunswick. He is a veteran of the First Great War, having enlisted Aug. 6, 1914. He served throughout the campaign and retired with the rank of captain.

FRENCH STOP ARMY LEAVES AS PRECAUTION

PARIS, April 11—(CP)—France cancelled army leaves tonight after a series of conferences among French military and political leaders and a report from an authoritative military source that German preparations for attack have been observed along the Rhine-Meuse front.

While French military attention was focused on the western front, where Allied troops by the hundreds of thousands man the great Maginot defences, French citizens eagerly followed reports of the great naval action in the north.

French Paul Reynaud told a cheering Chamber of Deputies that Germany had lost 18 ships, 12 of them troopships, compared with only four lost by Britain. No French ships were sunk, he said.

He added, as the Chamber applauded: "The difficulty at sea is not to begin a battle but to finish it."

The Premier predicted that the German venture into Norway must end in "disaster."

One tenth of Germany's total naval tonnage went to the bottom, he said, with the sinking of the 10,000-ton cruiser Blücher and the 6,000-ton cruiser Karlsruhe and Norwegian coastal batteries and mines.

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Troops At Alert On West Front; British, French Mop Up Enemy's Naval Power

BIGGEST AIR, NAVAL BATTLE IN HISTORY

Enemy Losses Placed At Least 18 Ships Sunk.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 11—(CP)—British and French forces stood at the alert tonight along the western front in anticipation that Hitler may attempt a big scale offensive to divert Allied naval and air force pressure from his captured Norwegian bases.

While the sleek, grey warships of Britain's navy cut through the waves and powerful bombers flew through the night on the errand of finishing off Germany's sea power in the Skagerrak and Kattegat, the conviction grew in London and Paris that Hitler is ready to strike in the west.

The North Sea naval and air battle, the biggest combined sea-air engagement in world history, still raged on after a series of short, violent actions which sent at least 18 Nazi ships to the bottom. The Royal Navy, in registering this crippling blow at Hitler's sea strength, so far has lost only four destroyers—the Hunter, Hardy, Glowworm and Gurkha.

To Hunt Down Nazis

Winston Churchill, Britain's man of action, told the House of Commons that the navy has orders to hunt down every German ship in the gateway to the Baltic in an effort to destroy the Reich's sea power and isolate the Nazi garrisons in Norway.

While Admiralty officials directed from long range their armada of fighting ships, military leaders turned anxious eyes on the western front where there are definite indications Germany is

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Sweden Fears Invasion As Nazis Trapped

GOETEBORG, Sweden, April 12—(Friday)—(CP) Havas

Reports reaching here today from the Swedish port of Halmstad on the Kattegat said that an air raid alarm had been sounded there. Rumors current here were that the Nazis may invade Sweden later today.

Malmstad is 76 miles southeast of Goeteborg and only 60 miles north of the Island of Seeland, on which the Danish Capital of Copenhagen is situated.

Successes of the British Navy against the German Fleet, combined with reports that German landing forces at several points in Norway were in danger of isolation, aroused grave fears that Adolf Hitler was about to attempt dispatch of reinforcements via Sweden.

While Swedish officials formally denied reports that Hitler already had demanded the right of passage across this country's territory, it was noted with anxiety that the Admiralty announced a blackout of all lighthouses between Talloe and Tistiana and ordered mines laid along the coast west facing the Kattegat.

The Norwegian Admiralty similarly ordered its lighthouses darkened on the eve of the Nazi invasion. It was recalled, in Goeteborg, more than 1,000 air raid shelters were hastily erected and the city was plunged in darkness all last evening.

At 6 P. M. authorities requisitioned all vehicles to ensure facilities for transporting troops, if necessary.

The northeastern tip of Seeland Island is separated from Swedish territory by only three miles of water. On the Danish side of the point is the town of Helsingor and on the Swedish side lies Helsingborg. This is the narrowest strip of water the Germans would have to negotiate to send troops into Sweden.

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon To Head Department

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—Hon. J. A. MacKinnon (Lib. Edmonton West) shortly will be made head of a department, Prime Minister MacKenzie King said tonight. He has been minister without portfolio for a year as Alberta's representative in the ministry.

Mr. King did not indicate which department Mr. MacKinnon would head.

NEW ZEALAND AIRMEN

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—The first group of New Zealand fliers to be trained under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan will arrive in Canada toward the end of this year, group Captain L. M. Isitt of the Royal New Zealand Air Force said today on his arrival here. He is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Air Training Plan and will remain in Ottawa indefinitely.

BULLETINS

LONDON, April 11—(CP)—A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Stockholm said tonight that according to information reaching Uddvalva from centres in outer Oslo Fjord, British vessels were observed at several points along the coast apparently landing troops.

STOCKHOLM, April 11—(CP)—Unconfirmed reports tonight said German troops were being landed in Norway from planes and that 20,000 German troops were now assembled in southern Norway.

LONDON, April 12—(Friday)—(CP)—A Reuters News Agency dispatch, quoting authoritative Norwegian circles at Stockholm, said today that British forces were understood to have effected a landing a short distance south of Narvik and were endeavoring to join up with the Norwegian forces.

Reuters said that according to the same sources British and Norwegian forces were already "in close contact" near the key Norwegian port of Bergen.

SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE FEARS NAZI THRUST

Russia Reported Concentrating Troops On Rumanian Border.

BUCHAREST, April 12—(Friday)—(AP)—Germany has notified Southeastern European nations that any country moving to switch trade from the Reich to the Allies will be considered "unneutral," it was reported tonight by a southeastern European capital today.

A German news bulletin issued in the same capital also stated the Nazis had reached a full understanding with the Danubian nations, particularly Rumania, that "river shipping will be safeguarded with all means."

The Reich has demanded the right to send its gunboats down the river.

BELGRADE, April 11—(CP)—Police said tonight they believed an intense Nazi propaganda campaign designed to confuse Yugoslavia and terrify the public was under way here following the dropping of hundreds of mysterious pro-German leaflets in the streets of the capital.

Police have arrested 200 persons suspected of compiling and distributing the leaflets, it was announced.

The leaflets were dropped today from a large black limousine which sped through the streets. They warned that "without friendship for the Reich, peace and liberty are impossible."

It was feared international ramifications of the crime would increase Balkan tension.

It was generally admitted that the presence of Nazi gunboats on the Danube in their territorial waters would be at least a technical violation of the countries' neutrality, as well as a possible opening wedge for German-land operations.

The trade warning was delivered verbally, it was reported, by Nazi representatives to trade leaders of the Balkans, rather than to the governments themselves.

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FORECAST

Maritime east: Southerly winds increasing to fresh or strong, cloudy and mild with occasional rain, followed by northwest winds... and colder by Saturday.

SYNOPSIS: The weather has become colder in Ontario with rain and snow occurring in eastern and southern districts, while in the prairie provinces it has been fair and slightly milder.

High tide this afternoon at 1:04 and tomorrow morning at 2:24. Sun sets this evening at 6:40 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:20.

Quarter moon, April 15, 1940, a. m. In summertime tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS: Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.

Parliament To Open On May 16

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—Parliament will be opened at three o'clock on the afternoon of May 16, Prime Minister MacKenzie King announced tonight but, in keeping with tradition, members of the senate and House of Commons will meet at 12 noon to enable the latter chamber to elect a new speaker.

This will be the first session of the 19th Parliament since Confederation with a new House of Commons returned in the dominion elections of March 26 and a number of new senators appointed to fill vacancies caused by death.

After every general election the new House of Commons elects a speaker. Hon. Pierre F. Casgrain was appointed speaker of the last house and may continue in that post, but must be re-elected.

In this connection the Prime Minister said that any changes or appointments affecting Parliament will be made only a few days before or on the eve of the opening. Mr. Casgrain has been widely mentioned for the cabinet vacancy created by the death last summer of Hon. Fernand Riviere, secretary of state.

Sir Lyman P. Duff, chief justice of Canada and administrator of the government until the arrival in Caracra in July of the new governor-general, the Earl of Athlone, will open Parliament.

Minimum Size For Lobsters Announced

OTTAWA, April 11—(CP)—Fisheries Minister Michaud announced tonight establishment of a minimum size limit for the capture of lobsters. The limit will be 6 1/2 inches and will apply to all districts in the Maritime Provinces where a size limit is not already in force.

In 1939 lobsters constituted 17 1/2 per cent of the catch and in 1938 this figure rose to 30 1/2 per cent. At present it is higher than that, according to Mr. Michaud.

"Many lobster canners are greatly concerned and have expressed alarm because small lobsters are less profitable to handle in a cannery, and the opinion is widespread that a lobster less than 6 1/2 inches in length is not worth handling," Mr. Michaud declared.

The object of the regulation is to conserve "the very important industry which has been seriously depleted by the catch of small lobsters."

Mr. Michaud also said that "every effort is being made to find new sources of outlets for lobster products due to the wartime closing of European markets which absorb 70 per cent of the output of canned lobsters."

Adding to the accumulation of alarm along the Danube caused by the developments and the Scandinavian invasion was the killing under Bucharest's Arch of Triumph of a German girl and a German munitions expert, reportedly by "the agent of another foreign power."

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