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FIERCE FIGHTING AT ANZIO BEACHHEAD

Premier Jones Follows Opposition Leader In Draft Address Debate

The Draft Address debate was continued in the Legislature yesterday by Premier J. Walker Jones and the Opposition leader in a great variety of subjects in his first speech in the House as government leader.

The Premier said he had only eight years' experience in the House, but thought that "the group now will compare very well with any group that has been here." The Opposition during his first four years was nil. Then it was increased to five, and now it is fifteen. He presumed it would be fifteen next time, making an even-odd House.

He concurred in the wretchedly divided House, and secondarily in the wretchedly divided members and former members of the Opposition leader, as well as in his congratulations to the mover and second of the Address.

"I came to this office because the last Premier was promoted to the chief justiceship," he said. "I didn't expect to be here. I did nothing whatever about it myself. After the turmoil of choosing a Premier, I found myself at the top in a full-time job. I can assure you it is a full-time job. Possibly we have to do several times as much work as was done in years gone by."

Despite this extra work, he noted that the salaries of ministers of the Crown are still about the same as they were in the days when he taught school in the Province. The school teachers are not yet getting enough, but their salaries have increased two and one-half times over the amounts they received in his teaching days.

Government salaries are so heavy, he complained, that it was hardly possible to read and digest all the correspondence that came to his desk.

The Last Election

"I don't think it is worth going over what transpired in the last election," Premier Jones said. "So far as I am concerned, it was about a usual election, with perhaps a little more enthusiasm. The Government was very fortunate in choosing the easiest time for our farmers and fishermen, in fact practically the only fine weather."

Train Demolishes
10-Ton Snow Plow

KINGSTON, Ont., Feb. 18—(CP)—A government passenger train demolished a 10-ton highway snow plow three miles west of Belleville yesterday, the engine of the train said it was lucky the train was not derailed.

J. W. Hamilton of Belleville was the owner and driver of the snow-plow. He was nearby when the train hit it, shoving wreckage along the tracks for several hundred yards.

COMING EVENTS

- Hard Wheat Flour \$2.20 bag. McGaughey & Boyle. 2-16-21.
- Enjoy Darlington Institute Leap Year Dance at Wiltshire, Friday, February 18th. 2-17-21.
- Horse Racing, New Glasgow River, Saturday, February 19th. 2-18-21.
- C. W. L. Dance, Emerald Hall, Friday night February 18th. 2-18-21.
- Leap Year Dance, Box Social, Carleton Place, Monday, February 21st. 2-18-21.
- Unloading car of Purina Pig Growers, at York, Saturday and Monday. C. F. Willis. 2-18-21.
- Unloading bulk Barley Friday and Saturday. P. J. Martin. 2-18-21.
- Pic Social and Dance in Afton Hall, Monday, February 21st. If no line, Tuesday night. 2-18-21.
- More closed Monday and Tuesday. 1st and 2nd stock taking. McGaughey & Boyle. 2-18-21.
- Message Sale, Christian Church School Room Saturday, February 19th, 3 P. M. 2-18-21.
- Unloading at Milton Station Friday, February 18th, Storrs, Flour, Bran. Norris Kilson. 2-18-21.
- Loading hogs for Davis & Fray every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. G. O. Green. 2-17-21.
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at East Baiton Monday, February 21st and Emma Friday 20th. Joan Pierce in charge. 2-17-21.
- Limited quantity Purina, 30 per cent. Cow Chow, can be used for balance of your own grain, to give hundred ton lots only. Dillon & Wallace. 2-18-21.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Prime Minister Churchill's forthcoming war review in parliament promises for a variety of reasons to rate among the most important and significant of the many such speeches he has made since he took over Britain's leadership in so dark an hour.

Even then he promised ultimate victory but to be bought only at a heavy price of blood, sweat and tears. That victory is certain now.

Massed Allied battle power is deploying for that greatest military adventure in history, the forcing of the North Sea-English Channel coast to break those massive German defences. By every sign the heaviest price in Allied battle casualties is yet to be paid to clinch the dawn victory.

Three months ago in his last war review Mr. Churchill pictured 1944 as the victory year in Europe, proclaiming the "impending ruin" of Germany, but added grimly:

"Unless some happy event occurs on which we have no right to count, 1944 will see the greatest sacrifices of the British and United States armies."

That came in the Prime Minister's speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet in London, Nov. 9 last. It was then Mr. Churchill said that the back of Nazi U-boats warfare in the Atlantic had been broken to insure Germany's complete defeat.

"Unless we make some grave strategic mistake," he added "the year 1944 will see the climax of the European war."

There is nothing to suggest any such Allied mistake.

The only authoritative glimpse yet afforded of the strategy pattern named at Tehran came in the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin joint announcement that the scope and timing of co-ordinated assaults against Germany had been agreed upon. Russian field victories from the Baltic to the Black Sea have more than fulfilled Soviet pledges. Nor has the Russian winter offensive yet run its course.

It seems certain that the scheduled Churchill war statement to parliament will be his last such utterance before the cross-sea jump off. And it will be for any reference he may make, direct or inferential, to that climactic Allied operation that his words will be scanned around the globe by friend and foe alike.

1,000 American Soldiers Lost In Ship Sinking

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(AP)—The enemy has sunk an Allied troopship with loss of 1,000 American soldiers in European waters, the greatest toll ever exacted from United States convoys. Forces flying the ocean waves are plying the ship, carrying about 2,000 troops, was attacked at night, probably by submarine. Half the men were rescued, the army said.

The announcement gave only bare details, the army explaining that the Germans probably do not know fully of the success of the attack. The date and location were not revealed. "European waters could mean anywhere in that continental area from Italy through the Mediterranean, off Spain, France or the British Isles."

A number of transports have been lost but never before with such a toll of American lives. About a year ago, the navy disclosed sinking of two cargo-passenger vessels in the Atlantic loaded with army, navy, coast guard and civilian personnel. Six-hundred of the 800 crew were lost, and about half the 500 on the other.

The ship was attacked in darkness and sank rapidly in a heavy sea.

Freight Shipments For January Up Over Last Year

There was an increase of 104 cars in the amount of freight shipped by the car ferry in January this year compared with the same month a year ago, the C.C.F. reported in figures released through the office of Mr. E.W. MacKinnon, superintendent of the Island division of the Canadian National Railways.

Shipments this year were 717 outward and 1,073 inward for a total of 1,790 compared with 801 outward and 885 inward in January, 1943, for a total of 1,686.

In incoming shipments coal increased 20 cars for the month, the total this year being 293 cars. Flour and feeds showed an increase of 107 cars, the total being 237 for the month.

In outward shipments livestock was up 79 cars compared with 65 a year ago while potatoes declined from 421 cars in January last to 279 this year. The drop in potato shipments each month compared with the same month in the previous year reflects the early potato crop in P. E. I. in 1943.

Turnip shipments showed little change, 140 cars this year compared with 155 in January a year ago. In January this year more avoirdupois than they were a year ago and that probably had something to do also with the difference in traffic.

Other outward shipments included the following carlot totals: butter and cheese, 21; fish, 21; hops, 10; meat, 21; oats, 1; pit props, 10; pulpwood, 26; moss, 3.

Inward carlot shipments: fruits, 8; fertilizer, 8; livestock, 5; lime, 13; lumber, 18; livestock, 5; meat, 9; sugar, 8; molasses, 7; salts, 3; hay, 9; railway coal, 30.

Here's A Tip

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—(AP)—Two young actresses playing the roles of expectant mothers in the New York stage show, "Three Is A Family," were hospitalized through a crowded train. Dorothy Gilchrist and Virginia Vass boarded a train after a performance and an army car in the heavily-packed maternity dress they wore on-stage. A dozen men immediately offered them seats.

Says Quebec Enlistments Up To Par

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—(CP)—W. R. McDonald, Liberal member of parliament for Pontiac—a Quebec riding with a population 75 per cent French Canadian—said today in the Commons that Quebec enlistments are on par with the rest of Canada in spite of "jibes" by opposition members in the House.

Speaking in continued debate on the \$3,650,000 war appropriation resolution, Mr. McDonald said four Quebec counties including his own were included in military district No. 3 (Kingston, Ont.), and that enlistments in them are apparently credited to Ontario instead of Quebec.

The board said suspension of rationed of canned blueberries will be effective for a limited time only, and that after July 1 coupons will be required for the purchase of canned blueberries the same as for other rationed fruits.

Lifting the rationing of canned blueberries has been prompted because last year's pack was more than twice the normal one, the announcement said. Consequently, large stocks have still to be disposed of before fresh fruit appears on the market in quantity.

CLUBS FOR CANTENS

LONDON—(CP)—Lord Audley, who served in the ranks of the British army, says one-room army cantens should be replaced by "soldiers' clubs" consisting of a restaurant, shop, reading room, writing room and games room to brighten the lives of servicemen.



German army tried British infantrymen move through shell-ripped Anzio to take up new positions for a finish fight.

Eisenhower Is Pleased With Army

LONDON, Feb. 17—(CP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the invasion commander, told a group of men today during a whirlwind tour of field units in Britain:—

"If you can fight as well as you are doing this training, God help the Nazis."

Stopping over in London before continuing his field inspections, Gen. Eisenhower declared:—

"I found the troops in good spirit and intensively engaged in efficient training for the big job that lies ahead."

Thus far he has visited air installations and infantry formations, both British and American. He expects to see the Canadians soon.

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Powerful U. S. Force In Raid On Big Jap Base

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 17—(AP)—Powerful task forces of the United States Pacific Fleet, accompanied by hundreds of carrier planes launched the first assault of the war on Truk, Japan's mighty air and naval base in the Caroline Islands, Wednesday.

The terse announcement today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz merely said the attack had "commenced." Radio silence was imposed delaying the details.

Nimitz, commander in the mid-Pacific, was without details. That not only demonstrated the tightness of the radio silence but indicated the attack was not yet ended.

Stalin Says Trapped Nazis Liquidated

LONDON, Feb. 17—(AP)—Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin announced tonight that Russian troops in the Ukraine had liquidated divisions and one brigade of the 8th German army surrounded near Korsun after a 14-day battle in which 52,000 Germans died and 11,000 surrendered.

A total of almost 74,000 Germans were killed by Russian units, Stalin said. He added that including 21,800 who fell in a vain effort to smash the Soviet ring from outside.

"The entire German equipment and war material was captured by our troops," Stalin said in an order of the day which praised Gen. Ivan S. Konev, Commander of the 2nd Ukrainian front.

Dr. A. A. David, Bishop of Liverpool, since 1923, is retiring. He is 76. He once advocated founding of a school to prepare people for marriage.

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DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a.m. 12:00 noon. 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE
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