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GERMANS BATTERING HARD AT TOBRUK CORRIDOR

PETAIN, GOERING MEET IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

Evidence of Vichy, Berlin Collaboration

Little warmth in welcome for Petain when he returns from meeting.

VICHY, Dec. 1 —(AP)—Marshal Petain held a long collaboration talk with Hermann Goering today near Saint Florentin in occupied France, and upon his return here tonight only a solitary cry of "Vive Petain" greeted him at the heavily guarded railway station.

The conference 80 miles southeast of Paris was described officially as "a long conversation of questions of interest to France and Germany" and it came amid indications of closer collaboration between conqueror and vanquished.

Jacques Benoist-Mechin, Vichy secretary of state, declared in Paris that the meeting represented the marked will of the French government to engage itself ever more constantly on a path of durable and fruitful European co-operation."

The leader of a country weakened by hunger, lost territory and depleted manpower, was accompanied by his vice-premier Admiral Darlan, when he left last night aboard a special train. The two did not even know their ultimate destination in their own country, half of which is occupied by German troops.

This conference had been expected since the "retirement" of Gen. Maxime Weygand, leader of French North African forces. Darlan, advocate of closer German ties, now controls that militarily-important part of the French Empire.

The teleradio agency said "today's meeting is with the desire of both Germany and France for a more marked reciprocal understanding."

Vichy sources also stressed these points in connection with the meeting—

French North Africa has renewed importance now that the British forces are driving westward in Italian Libya; France needs raw materials, particularly coal; and the press of both zones, particularly the German-controlled area, has been waging a vigorous campaign for increased collaboration between the two countries.

U.S. Freighter is missing

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 —(AP) — The United States maritime commission freighter MacBeth, flying the Panamanian flag, is missing in the North Atlantic and unofficial reports said today that she had been torpedoed.

One report said the MacBeth, formerly the 4,935-ton Italian ship I. O., had been towed into a Canadian port.

No official news was available. Responsible shipping men said something has happened to her "but we don't know what."

The freighter, operated by the United States lines which chartered her from the maritime commission, was engaged in ferrying United States supplies to Britain.

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Use glycerine Anti freeze In Desert war

OTTAWA, Dec. 1—(CP)—Canadian motorists who have suffered some inconvenience because glycerine base anti-freeze has not been available in its usual quantity this year may console themselves with the thought they are contributing to success in the battle of Libya, officials said today.

Out of experience in desert fighting last year came the knowledge that anti-freeze was better cooling solution for desert warfare than precious water supplies.

Officials said they could give no information on the quantity of anti-freeze sent to the Middle East but "it was substantial."

Toronto Airman Wins D. F. C.

LONDON, Dec. 1 —(CP Cable) — Act. Sqdn.-Ldr. Peter Geoffrey O'Brian of Toronto who distinguished himself as commander of a Royal Air Force fighter squadron for 13 months, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, it was announced tonight.

The citation described O'Brian's participation in a "large number of sorties both by day and night," and said his "outstanding qualities as a leader set an excellent example."

The citation told how the Canadian, who is 24, took part in "one of the longest night flights ever undertaken by a single seater fighter—displaying good judgment and fine navigational skill."

Axis Raider Sunk; Oil Drums are puzzle

LONDON, Dec. 1 —(CP) — The heavy cruiser Devonshire, a 9,850-tonner carrying catapult planes which immensely broaden her area of patrol, has sunk an armed merchant raider in the South Atlantic, the admiralty announced today.

The action, which occurred on Nov. 22, was not specifically located. The German, a fuelling ship for submarines, was sighted at dawn patrol by one of the Devonshire's planes, and near her lay a boat containing oil drums.

The Devonshire signalled, got no satisfactory reply and the German ship threw out a smoke screen. It did her no good; in 10 minutes she was afire and her crew took to the lifeboats. Her magazine exploded, and she went down.

Because a U-boat was aprowl no effort to pick up survivors could be made, the admiralty said.

Unexplained by the admiralty was the most curious feature of the incident: the presence in one of the raider's small boats of the unloaded drums.

This fuel, it was said in informed quarters, obviously was intended to supply the submarine; the puzzle was why such an awkward method should have been selected over the customary practice of pumping direct from the refuelling ship.

There had been in recent months no other confirmed reports of the presence of surface raiders in the South Atlantic.

Y.M.C.A. Secretaries Hold conference

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 1 —(CP) —Y.M.C.A. war service secretaries from points in the maritime provinces met here today and tonight for general discussions on their activities. The meeting will continue until Wednesday.

Discussions are under the joint chairmanship of George Deyoung, area secretary for New Brunswick and Gaspe, and Donald McPhail, area secretary for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Today, the secretaries discussed publicity, relations with the services and the question of equipment and supplies.

Those attending include D. M. McDonald, Moncton; C. R. Watt, Moncton; E. A. Cotton, Sussex, N. B.; A. T. McLellan, Summerside, P. E.I.; Harold Brown, Chatham, N.B.; D. A. Sharpe, Moncton.

MISTAKEN FOR DEER

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 30 — (CP)—Charles R. Frozel, 65, was killed instantly Saturday at nearby South Bay when, mistaken for a deer, he was shot by another hunter, Kenneth S. Lunnin. An inquest will be held tomorrow night.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Definite German setbacks in Russia and Libya form a new backdrop for both the Washington-Tokyo and Berlin-Vichy exchanges and are apt to affect the course of those conversations.

On the Rostov front in Russia, Hitler's forces have met their worst defeat of the whole war, according to Berlin's admission. In Libya Axis armies are caught in a huge trap and threatened with ultimate extinction because of British penetration to the Mediterranean coastline south and west of Bengasi.

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Even on the Moscow front, portents of Nazi disaster dampen Hitler's hopes of early capture or complete investment of the city. And it goes without saying that Japanese policy makers and old Marshal Petain in Vichy are fully aware of all this in making up their minds just how far to go in aiding Hitler's cause.

Intimations from Tokyo that a soft-pedalling, wait-and-see policy has been adopted by the cabinet council probably reflect rising doubt there that Hitler's Russian crusade is living up to expectations. In Europe, the fact that Goering and Petain have had a "long conversation" indicates that the Germans and Italians are not very confident of repelling the British attack in Libya unaided.

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It is hardly open to doubt that the Russian counter offensive in the Rostov area and the British drive in Libya were synchronized operations, the first fruits of which have tremendously altered the war picture. With Red recapture of Rostov the threat to the Caucasus and its precious oil fields is so abated that the winter probably will be well advanced before the Germans can renew it effectively either along the Don front or from the Crimea.

In any event, the danger to the Don River front protecting the Caucasus has been greatly lessened. That is of vital importance to the British forces in Egypt and Libya. It means that British reserves in men, tanks, planes and the like up to now held out of the Libyan battle to await developments on the Caucasian front can be released to press the annihilation attack in Libya.

Soviet Drive West Of Rostov Said Unchecked

Russians report heavy German losses in counter-offensive which pushes enemy from gateway to oil fields.

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 — (Tuesday)—(AP)— A special Soviet communique today announced destruction of 102 Nazi planes and capture of at least 118 tanks and 210 cannon by Red army forces pursuing the fleeing Germans westward from recaptured Rostov-on-Don.

The regular communique issued a few minutes earlier said that not only were the German invaders retreating rapidly on that southern front, but that violent attacks on the Moscow central front were repulsed by the Soviet defenders.

MOSCOW, Dec. 1—(AP)—Cavalry-led Soviet counter-attacks west from Rostov and back into the Donets valley were described as unchecked tonight by Russian military dispatches which pictured German Field-Marshal Ewald Von Kleist's southern flank as shattered and in danger of being trapped.

Thus the Russians claimed that the northern gate to the Caucasus was re-locked, and that the Germans, suffering their worst reversal of the campaign, had lost more than a month of hard-won gains along the north shores of the Sea of Azov.

The Moscow radio reported that besides being hurled back 40 miles from Rostov to Taganrog, and forced to continue their retreat toward Mariupol, 60 miles farther west, the Germans on the Moscow front were being battered back from approaches to the capital.

BERLIN, Dec. 1—(AP)—Hordes of Russians are blocking the German path to the Caucasus at Rostov and in attacks of "great recklessness" are striking blow upon blow in a mighty effort to reach Taganrog, German military spokesmen claimed tonight.

They contend that the Russians were menaced more than ever in their own capital, which the most advanced of Hitler's soldiers were declared able to see through "good field glasses."

Russian troops withdrawn hastily from Iran, and others rushed thousands of miles from Siberia have been hurled upon the Germans at Rostov, the Germans claimed.

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All Businesses To be licensed; Expect order today

New regulations will cover everything; First day of price ceiling operation went smoothly.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1—(CP)—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board said tonight a general licensing order covering all businesses not already licensed is expected to be announced tomorrow.

All persons coming within the provisions of the new order, which will "cover everything from the corner drugstore to the biggest manufacturing plant," will be automatically licensed under its terms.

The announcement of planned extension of the licensing plan came at the close of the first day's operation of the new price-ceiling regulations. With all prices stabilized, the board said, "everything" had gone smoothly.

Acceptance of the regulations and eagerness to assist in the fight to prevent inflation were everywhere in evidence, spokesmen said.

Under the extended licensing order, no applications for licences will be required from those not presently covered by the regulations. If the board later decides to issue specific licences under this order, notice respecting applications will be given.

"This new order, latest move in the closer co-ordination of Canada's wartime economy, will be basically an extension of the order specifically licensing dealers in food, feeds, cloth, clothing, yarn and footwear, which came into effect today," the board said.

"Applications for these specific licences are necessary but other businesses should not apply for licences until asked to do so."

Country-wide reports of the operation of the price ceiling regulations indicated there were few changes in retail prices as stores generally had maintained prices after announcement of the prices stabilization program in October.

SWIMMING AND FORTITUDE

LONDON —(CP)— Michael Benson Cooper, 15, partly crippled from infantile paralysis had to be wheeled to the pool to pass the 50 yards swimming test for Boy Scout first class badge. He was awarded the Cornwell Scout decoration for fortitude.

U. S. - Japanese Talks continue; Outlook gloomy

Washington sees little prospect of peaceful settlement of Pacific difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—(CP)—Negotiations between the United States and Japan looking toward settlement of differences in the Far East were continued today while military preparations were rushed throughout the Pacific from Australia to Hong Kong and Burma and Thailand to the Philippine Islands.

The gravity of the situation was emphasized anew when it was disclosed that President Roosevelt had held a long conference with Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, and State Secretary Cordell Hull. The conference took place about noon, soon after the President returned from his abbreviated vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., but the fact that Stark attended it did not become known until late in the day.

The urgent White House conference followed a new talk between Hull and the Japanese envoys during the forenoon, at the end of which Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura told newspapermen:—

"I believe there must be wise statesmanship to save the situation."

For 70 minutes, Hull was closeted with Saburo Kurusu, Japan's special envoy, and Admiral Nomura. He later went across to the White House for the conference with Mr. Roosevelt who had cut short his vacation in Warm Springs and returned to Washington early today.

Leighton McCarthy, Canadian Minister to the United States, returned from Warm Springs with the President and it was learned they talked over the Far East Situation at the southern health resort.

Although continuation of negotiations was regarded, in itself, as a good sign, there still was little hope entertained here that a Far East settlement could be reached.

When the two Japanese envoys arrived at the State Department, they were all smiles and affability. But when they emerged from the secretary's office, they looked glum and when Kurusu was asked if he would see Hull again he replied "if instructed by my government, yes."

"This should not be considered as the end," he added. "I am always hopeful."

In the face of inflammatory and provocative speeches and editorials in Japan, hopes for a far eastern settlement, which have never been very high, grew even dimmer.

Kurusu, questioned regarding the belligerent pronouncement by Premier Tojo that Japan stands determined "with a vengeance" to purge British and American influences from East Asia, said Tojo had been "badly misquoted."

U. S. Railroad Dispute settled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—(AP)—Chairman Wayne L. Morse of the President's fact finding board announced tonight a settlement of the railroad labor dispute.

He made the announcement after the board, acting as a mediation agency, had met with representatives of railroad labor and management almost continuously for two days and two nights.

At the conclusion of today's conferences, Morse said that a settlement proposal submitted by the board, the terms of which he declined to disclose immediately, had been accepted by all the representatives of the unions and carriers and that there would be no strike.

No hint Japan Intends adopting New policy

TOKYO, Dec. 1—(AP)—Without a hint of budging from its expansionist policy, the Japanese cabinet decided today to continue efforts toward a settlement with the United States rather than break off Washington talks at this time.

United States-Japanese peace in the Pacific seemed to hang by that slender thread.

Meanwhile, the Japanese press voiced increasing concern over British military preparations in Burma and Malaya and over the position of Thailand.

COMMANDS R.C.A.F. SCHOOL

Wing Commander John Keens has taken over command of the R.C.A.F. Technical Training school at St. Thomas, relieving Group Captain R. S. Collis. The new commander commenced his duties after a colorful ceremony on the parade ground with thousands of airmen taking part.

Five die in Oil fire

OKMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 1—(AP)—Five men died—four in a desperate attempt to rescue the fifth—and 15 others were injured today as explosions rocked the Phillips Petroleum Company refinery setting off a raging fire.

The dead: Jim Hawk, 40, an oiler; Hypo Decobert, 39, a special yard man; C. J. Steighner, 39, a special yard man; Lewis Pope, 37, maintenance man and John Rogers, 46, welder.

Decobert, Steigher, Pope and Rogers grabber a stretcher from ambulance drivers and dashed into the fire in an effort to reach Hawk.

But the four were trapped by another explosion and it was an hour later before they were pulled from the flaming wreckage and taken to hospital.

R. D. Evans, refinery superintendent, said there were six explosions. Three 250-barrel tanks of natural gasoline detonated, he said, and then three 450-barrel tanks blew up. Evans said cause of the explosions had not been determined.

Body of Justice Minister rests In Chapel vault

RIVIERE DU LOUP, Que., Dec. 1 —(CP)—The body of Justice Minister Lapointe rested tonight in a snow-covered chapel-like vault in the cemetery where he will be buried.

Body of the statesman who won his spurs at the bar and in politics in this lower St. Lawrence river town, was placed in the vault today during simple ceremonies and there it will lie until a private burial service will be held.

Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the provincial police acted as bearers when the body was taken from the city hall and again after the mile-long ride to the cemetery.

The ceremonies by their simplicity were a sharp contrast to the state funeral in Quebec when all the honors of a mourning nation were paid the minister by his dominion government colleagues and thousands of others.

Bakery products, Drugs and Fish Under control

OTTAWA, Dec. 1 —(CP) — The wartime prices and trade board tonight announced appointment of bakery products, drugs and fish products administrators.

William Harrison of Harrison Brothers Bakery, Montreal, is administrator of bakery products, with jurisdiction over both bread and biscuit branches of the industry.

W. M. Grant of Parke, Davis and Company, Windsor, Ont., has been named administrator of pharmaceuticals.

A. Neil McLean, president of Connors Brothers Limited, Saint John, N. B., and a member of the wartime fisheries advisory board, is administrator of fish products.

Mr. Grant will supervise pharmaceutical preparations, drugs, patent and proprietary medicines, surgical instruments, surgical dressings, physicians' and hospital supplies, cosmetics and toilet goods, other than oils.

Mr. Grant's office is expected to be in Toronto, McLean's and Mr. Harrison's in Ottawa.

Seek To Rescue Forces Trapped East Of Tobruk

Believe German General throwing last ounce of shock power into battle; Decision undecided.

(By Edward Kennedy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

CAIRO, Dec. 1—(AP)—The strongest surviving German columns of Northern Libya flung themselves at the Imperial Tobruk-Rezegh wall from the west tonight in a desperate effort to break that most vital of British lines and establish contact with their scarred battalions to the east.

In the rising clamor of the fighting the decision was yet to fall. The British command acknowledged during the day that Nazi infantry supported by tanks had thrust into the imperial positions, after earlier attacks had been beaten off with heavy losses, but subsequent official information reported that counter-attacks had driven the Germans back and re-established the British line.

German assaults from the east by troops brought up from their broken positions near the Egyptian frontier zone were simultaneously in progress but in much less strength.

From the west, the German commander Gen. Erwin Rommel threw the last ounce of his shock power forward to avert the disaster which threatened him by the reported destruction of the Italian Ariete division.

That division, which had held a zone just to the east of Rezegh itself, was smashed by British detachments which destroyed half its tanks and put the remainder to disorderly flight, under rapid pursuit, northward toward the Mediterranean coast.

Thus seriously weakened—although at the same time no longer generally encircled—Rommel flung his 15th division northeast in the second of a continuing series of efforts to break the Tobruk-Rezegh corridor. Beyond lay what remained of his 21st division— a division badly cut up and apparently facing annihilation as the alternative to relief—and the fleeing remnants of the Italians.

All this, a new showdown about Tobruk involving the main imperial forces, was accompanied by strong subsidiary actions— the one in the Egyptian frontier area where British troops were eliminating the last axis pockets, and the other a thrust beyond Tobruk to the west.

British bombing raids on both Bengasi and the harbor of Derna to the east were announced, Bengasi's piers and Derna's airdromes having been hard hit, along with a far-ranging series of assaults upon dozens of axis positions.

London announced receipt of an official report from Cairo stating that up to Nov. 30 midnight, 176 axis planes had been destroyed in Libya—92 in combat and 84 on the ground. This extraordinarily large figure of axis losses aground again suggest that the Germans and Italians were having the greatest difficulty both in basing and supplying their air arms.)

Six Nazi Cities Are pounded by British Bombers

Indications last night were raiders again over Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 1—(CP)—Hamburg and five other northwest German port cities were pounded by moonlight Sunday night and early today in a renewal of heavy Royal Air Force raiding while the Royal Canadian Air Force squadron of the coastal command, in a Channel sweep, rained explosives on Axis supply vessels.

The overnight activity came after nearly a month's let-up because of bad weather. Tonight the Royal Air Force apparently again was in action because Germany's powerful Deutschlander radio station at Berlin and others at Hamburg and Cologne went off the air shortly after 7 p.m.

This usually indicates that raiders are over Germany.

The raids, which had slackened since early November when 37 British bombers were lost in a single stormy night, cost the Royal Air Force 20 planes Sunday, the Air Ministry said.

During the sweep by the Canadian airmen, in Hudson and Beaufort bombers, seven enemy ships which the Air Ministry said were 'fairly large" came under fire.

Bomber crews were able to see explosions with flames leaping into the sky when delayed-action bombs that were dropped from mast height detonated.

No ceiling on Dressed or Raw Fox skins

Mr. Don Stewart, who was a member of the delegation which waited on officials at Ottawa with reference to silver fox fur price regulations, received a phone message last evening from officials of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

The message stated that the regulations have now been clarified, and are to the following effect:

Any regulations made regarding fur prices are not to apply to raw or dressed skins and garments for wearing apparel made wholly of furs. This means that there is no ceiling on prices of fur coats, for instance, but there is a ceiling on coats trimmed with fur.

The above is good news for fox ranchers and means that a free market, as always, will exist for silver fox skins. Prices will be determined by the law of supply and demand, and the indications are that the market will open much stronger than it did last season.

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 1—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	35B	20B
Victoria	38	50
Edmonton	20	46
Regina	18	39
Winnipeg	29	39
Toronto	26	40
Ottawa	8	14
Montreal	5	15
Boston	.-	29

Synopsis: The weather has become milder in Ontario with light rain in many districts and part snow in north portion. It has been fair and comparatively mild over the Prairie Provinces.

BOSTON, Dec. 1—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England:—Occasional light rain in south and snow changing to rain, north portions, much warmer Tuesday; showers, followed by clearing Tuesday night. Wednesday fair, little change in temperature.

High tide this morning at 10.10 and tonight at 9.39.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.20.

Full moon Dec. 3, 4.51 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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