

NAZI ARMY PUSHED BACK IN LENINGRAD AREA CHEMICAL BUILDING DESTROYED BY BLAST

Soviets Report 30-mile Advance On Central Front

Red Air Force beats off German attempt to dominate skies over Leningrad.

(By Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Sept. 4—(Thursday) — (AP) — The Red army reported today that its fighter planes in great air battles had beaten off German attempts to knock out Soviet air defences and gain command of the skies in the Leningrad area.

The report, contained in the early morning communique, was issued as military dispatches said German troops had been thrown back three miles from their advanced positions before Leningrad and more than 30 miles along the central front by major Russian counter-offensives.

The communique itself gave no details of the land warfare beyond an announcement that stubborn fighting continued along the entire front.

It said, however, that Soviet fliers "keep on smashing enemy aircraft at the approaches to Leningrad, and told of one encounter in which 11 of 70 German planes raiding a large airbase were shot down.

One pilot was credited with destruction of five Junkers 87 dive-bombers and another with two Messerschmitts.

The charges of the Nazis and allied Rumanians trying to smash in to besieged Odessa were declared to be breaking before a strong defence thrown up both by Red troops and by sailors from the Soviet Black Sea fleet landed out from the invaders' positions.

(The Germans also reported heavy action by Soviet warships and shore batteries in the Baltic region in what Berlin called an effort to hold up a further German advance.)

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Invasion of Continent seen Difficult now

LONDON, Sept. 3—(CP Cable)—A British attempt to land an army on continental Europe at this stage of the war would at least be as difficult as any German attempt to invade Britain, Maj.-Gen. Sir Charles Gwynn writes in the current issue of "Fortnightly."

He contends that "practically unlimited" number of air bases held by the Germans gives them an advantage and that losses to shipping under air attack would be enormous.

He concludes that at present "the landing of a large expeditionary force in Europe for continuous operations seems out of the question. The odds of a hit-and-run character can achieve the same results."

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TORONTO, Sept. 3—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: City, Temperature

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and somewhat warmer over the greater part of Ontario with thundershowers in the Kenora and Rainy River district. Showers have occurred in southern Manitoba and light scattered showers in Saskatchewan, but it has been generally fair and a little warmer in Alberta.

BOSTON, Sept. 3—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Increasing cloudiness, warmer north portion Thursday; mostly cloudy with showers Thursday night and Friday; warmer Thursday night.

High tide this morning at 9:19 and tonight at 10:23.

Sun sets this evening at 6:33 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:25.

New moon Sept. 21, 12:38 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE (Standard Time)

Leave Borden 6:45 A.M. 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 8:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M. 6:20 P.M. 8:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE Leave Borden 9:00 A.M. 12:00 noon 4:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 10:05 A.M. 2:30 P.M. 5:50 P.M. 8:10 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY Leaves Wood Islands 7:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M. Leaves Caribou 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.

Hitler bids for French goodwill

VERSAILLES, Occupied France, Sept. 3—(AP)—Hitler decided today that all relatives of the Legion of French Volunteers against Bolshevism who are held in prison camps will be released, and the first contingent of the legion left tonight to fight against Russia.

News of Hitler's decision was handed to the legionnaires as the first group, commanded by Col. Duval, who was wounded last Wednesday in the attack on Pierre Laval and Marcel Daut started for the Versailles station from the barracks where the two collaborationists were shot. They will go into training in Poland.

Big Colliery at New Waterford Is tied up

NEW WATERFORD, N. S., Sept. 3—(CP)—A complete tie-up of Dominion Coal Company's big No. 12 colliery here developed today as the company suspended more and more for slowdown activities, and Douglas McDonald, member of the Nova Scotia Legislature and a miners' union officer, wired Justice Minister Lapointe that a lock-out was in effect.

The co-operative Commonwealth Federation member, who is sub-district board member of the United Mine Workers of America for New Waterford, telegraphed Mr. Lapointe:

"Management of no. 12 colliery has locked out from their work 1100 men. This action is direct violation of industrial disputes investigation act."

Mr. McDonald, who said the wire demanded "immediate action" against the company, which in the last week has suspended about 300 men from four of its 10 slow-down affected mines.

Secretary Campbell of the 12 U. M. W. local said tonight 140 had been at this pit.

No fortunes From war profits

EDMONTON, Sept. 3—(CP)—Finance Minister J. L. Flaxey said today the Dominion Government is so financing the war that fortunes cannot be accumulated in Canada out of wartime profits.

In the second address of a western tour in interests of the war savings campaign, Mr. Flaxey said Canada would be able to carry its debt burden after the war by keeping interest rates down. He addressed a joint meeting of the Edmonton Chamber Club. Yesterday he spoke at Saskatoon.

The minister predicted "more widespread economic controls, more positive and direct controls" in the limit of our productive capacity.

"We have slow reached the number of industries and scarcities and shortages are becoming more numerous and acute."

"More materials and labor must now be directed to war purposes from civilian consumption of many things."

More Men Of 3rd Division Overseas

Weary units settle down in barracks; Division at almost full strength.

By Douglas Amaron Canadian Press Staff Writer

SOMEWHERE IN BRITAIN, Sept. 3—(CP Cable)—Weary after a long sea and train journey, units of the 3rd Canadian Division settled down in barracks today and getting acquainted in their new quarters.

The first units of the latest contingent to land in Britain and join the Canadian Corps, reached camp late yesterday and the others trickled in during the day, starting at 4 a.m., when trains with a British Columbia infantry battalion pulled in.

The 3rd Division was raised almost to full strength by the arrival of the troops who represented all parts of Canada from Halifax to Victoria. They were greeted on arrival at a British port by Maj. Gen. C. B. Price, Divisional Commander, and by Rear Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley, officer in charge of the Dominion Office who read a message of welcome from Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

The convoy was guarded across the Atlantic by Canadian and British warships.

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Japs have Warning of Grave crisis

TOKYO, Sept. 3—(AP)—Tensely awaiting the approach of a United States tanker with gasoline for Russia, the Japanese heard a solemn warning from Premier Prince Konoye tonight that Japan faces the gravest crisis in her history.

The Premier couched his warning with a call for total mobilization of the nation's power. His statement was made to a round-table conference of representatives of government and war industries, assembled to discuss economic resources to the highest degree.

It was the first public statement of the Premier since July 30 and came as leaders of Tokyo, extreme nationalist political group, threw their support of proposals for establishment of an ocean safety zone around Japan.

As advocated by extremists, such a safety zone could shut off Vladivostok and other ports, Konoye is said to be considering the plan.

Victory in sea Warfare will be Turning point

(By Pat Usher) (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Sept. 3—(CP)—The battle of the Atlantic "is not going so badly," Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air secretary, declared today while officials of the Department of Economic Warfare said Germany's campaign against Russia had closed the largest gap in the British blockade of the continent.

"The coastal command," said the air minister, "is transforming the battle of the Atlantic from a German attack on British shipping to a British attack on German shipping."

Speaking before a national defence committee, the minister declared that the air force is shipping 30 times as many eggs to Great Britain as a year ago, 1,000,000 cases instead of 1,000,000 dozen, said Mr. Gardner.

July sinkings of British ships he said were the lowest for any month for more than a year.

Interpreting The War News

(By Edward E. Bomar, Associated Press Staff Writer)

The Pacific crisis, which Premier Konoye terms the gravest in Japan's history, is close to one turning point.

The first shipment of United States war supplies left Los Angeles just three weeks ago for Vladivostok and should be nearing the Japanese-dominated waters through which the vessels must pass.

A moment of decision is at hand in the Pacific, whether to interfere by setting up the proposed "safety zone" or by some other action.

Uncertain as is Japan's course, the decision which appears most likely is to side, step an immediately head-on collision with this issue.

What interference with the war supply shipments would immediately involve is brought to a focus by the imminent delivery of the first United States aviation gasoline to Vladivostok.

In urging proclamation of a "safety zone" Gen. Senjuro Hayashi, a former premier, is proposing in effect a blockade of Russia, and Moscow already has served notice that any move in that direction would be deemed an unfriendly act.

Involved also would be repudiation of the Portsmouth Treaty ending the 1905 Russo-Japanese war.

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Gardiner sees Improvement in Farm prospects

(By Frank Flaherty, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Sept. 3—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner sees a definite improvement in prospect for Canadian farmers in 1942.

Back in his office today after a combined holiday and business trip to the West the Minister told the Canadian Press that farmers now could go ahead and produce all the hogs, butter, cheese and eggs they can with the assurance of selling them at better prices than have prevailed up to the present.

The minister said the feed situation may not be as serious as was first anticipated. He proposed to call a conference of representatives of eastern and western provincial government officials and farm organizations on the matter of aiding shipments of feed grain from west to east.

"Grain men with whom I talked in the west intimated their estimates showed an increase in coarse grain production over last year of 12,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushels," said the Minister.

"If the latter figure turns out to be correct it will mean 50,000,000 more bushels of grain will be made available for feeding this year than was the case last year as we have taken action to prohibit exports of coarse grain and 30,000,000 bushels were exported last year."

Mr. Gardner was confident Canada will be able to meet the needs of Great Britain in the matter of food supplies and said the limit on the amount of British wheat take now has been removed.

"It is important to note that in the new bacon agreement the wording has been changed to 'not less than' in place of 'not more than' 600,000,000 pounds," he said.

The goal for cheese exports to Great Britain now will probably be 150,000,000 pounds, said the minister, compared with 72,000,000 pounds contracted for in the first year of war.

Canada now is shipping 30 times as many eggs to Great Britain as a year ago, 1,000,000 cases instead of 1,000,000 dozen, said Mr. Gardner.

There isn't any doubt that practically every tanker in this country will go to the combat zone," he said, adding that one of the nine tankers flying the Canadian flag had already been sunk by enemy action.

Concerning Canadian production of oil, the controller said production in the west will be short about 1,000,000 barrels in spite of an increased number of wells.

14 Gulf Island Families to take Up farming land

MONTREAL, Sept. 3—(CP)—Fourteen families from the Magdalen Islands have made arrangements with the federal and provincial governments to take up land in the Abitibi district of Quebec.

These colonists, who have heretofore gained their livelihood by fishing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Atlantic waters, are the first to leave the Magdalen Islands for the colonization centres of north-western Quebec.

Warns danger Of sixth column In North America

YARMOUTH, N. S., Sept. 3—(CP)—Danger of a "sixth column" in North America is greater than that of the fifth column, Lieut. Governor Horace T. Cahill of Massachusetts declared today before the union of Nova Scotia municipalities.

The sixth column, he said, consisted of citizens who would be sent being called enemies of the state yet who devote no time to working for their country, who violate the rights of public office if they "bother" to enter politics.

One of the items concerned the appointment of three alienists in Paris to judge the sanity of Paul Colette, the young Frenchman who wounded Pierre Laval and Marcel Daut.

Many persons had expected Colette to pay almost immediately with his life for the attempted assassinations of the pro-German minister.

Yarmouth, he said, heard an inspiring address by Rev. Mgr. Dunstan's University. A very comprehensive report of the activities of the League was given by Mrs. Adrian MacInnis, Diocesan President.

His Excellency, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, D. D., Bishop of Antigonish, who was scheduled to be present but sent his regrets.

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Berlin Shaken By Heavy British Bombs

Giant four-motored planes participate in raid on German Capital; Large fires started.

LONDON, Sept. 3—(CP)—Berlin was shaken by enormous explosions and lit by the glare of many fires in a long attack delivered overnight by strong Royal Air Force units.

Giant four-motored craft participated in the foray. "Some of the heaviest bombs"—probably in the one-ton class—were dropped on the German capital, the Air Ministry news service said, reporting raids from Frankfurt to the Norwegian coast.

"There were enormous explosions when some of the heaviest bombs were dropped," the service said in describing the thrust at Berlin, "and a very large fire was seen near one of the main railway stations."

The captain of a four-motored bomber which was partly disabled even before it reached Berlin but went on to unload its destructive cargo and returned to its base safely, said the bombs dropped by his crew created "a very good fire" in the centre of the city.

"The rear gunner could see it for 15 minutes afterward," the captain said. "Somebody else must have bombed our fire in a device to prevent our seeing it. We saw more explosions in it."

"Then, after a time, we saw a hell of a great explosion and another fire started."

The captain said anti-aircraft fire "thrown at us not long after we'd crossed the Dutch frontier" caused trouble with the inner port engine, but the plane kept going.

"Oil poured out of it," he said. "You could see it running over the cowling. We carried on like that until we got to Berlin where we saw other bombers being engaged by searchlights and guns. The guns were shooting into the main cones of the searchlights."

"We slipped in while others were being engaged and got very little opposition except when we were coming out."

The smoking engine was cut off when its oil pressure fell and "we came the rest of the way home with three engines."

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, said the bombers had "hit the city of Berlin hard."

Railways, communications and industries were struck today by the bombs, which were dropped in force at Frankfurt and other waves of raiders which dived from British fields soon after dusk, battered at Mainz, Frankfurt, German-occupied ports of Oend and Dunkerque and other towns.

The Air Ministry said nine British bombers were shot down tonight over France. There was only minor German activity over Britain. A few Nazi planes flew over coastal areas and bombs fell at several points in the North Sea and northeast England, a communique said. No casualties were reported.

Says U. S. gas Can be moved By tank cars

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3—(AP)—An assertion that ample supplies of gasoline and fuel oil could be moved to the European theatre of war within two weeks by utilizing 20,000 surplus railroad tank cars was made today to the special Senate committee investigating the petroleum situation.

J. J. Peley, President of the Association of American Railroads, told Senators that use of the cars would increase Atlantic seaboard supplies by more than 200,000 barrels daily, some 25,000 more than the daily shortage estimated by government officials.

In Philadelphia, meanwhile, a conference of eastern gasoline dealers, was told that there was no gasoline shortage and that "somebody is just pulling the wool over the eyes of officials in Washington."

The speaker was Benjamin L. Jacoby, President of the Associated Gasoline Retailers of Philadelphia and vicinity.

Diocesan C. W. L. Convention Opens

A large number of delegates assembled in Souris last night to attend the opening session of the diocesan convention of the Catholic Women's League which was held in St. Mary's convent hall. Members of the various sub-divisions of the convention which concludes tomorrow night.

Miss Amelia Haley, Saint John, National War Work Convenor, was the guest speaker on last night's program. Delegates also heard an inspiring address by Rev. Mgr. J. A. Murray, D. D., Rector of St. Dunstan's University. A very comprehensive report of the activities of the League was given by Mrs. Adrian MacInnis, Diocesan President.

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Three dead, 13 injured in explosion

Even Injured In Critical Condition.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Sept. 3—Three men were killed and 13 injured, seven of them so badly injured that they are in hospital tonight, when the huge Welland chemical Works was destroyed by explosion and fire today.

L. J. Campbell of Niagara Falls and J. McDonald of nearby Port Robinson were killed instantly by the force of the explosion. James Smith was killed from burns at Niagara Falls General Hospital.

An official announcement by the department of munitions and supplies at Ottawa, described the explosion in which the blast occurred "one of the smaller manufacturing buildings." The cause of the explosion was not known.

The blast was followed by three, which was not to have been fully established but the announcement "it is believed a pressure vessel."

The blast ripped through the building with such force that houses in the village of Port Robinson, seven miles from the scene, were blown a huge column of smoke seen shooting into the air from the Robinson.

The injured receiving hospital's names were identified by the munitions and supply department as Louis Smith J. M. McKee, Sam Campbell, B. Christie, Donald Macleod, George Turner and Joseph Haslam.

Firemen, doctors ambulances and trucks were rushed to the scene. The fire was extinguished within a half hour, but the department's announcement of the explosion, apparently the cause of the explosion could not be determined with production.

Duke of Kent Devotes day to Air Force

HALIFAX, Sept. 3—(CP)—The Duke of Kent, nearing the end of his trans-Canada tour of Commonwealth Air Force stations, devoted today to the air force almost exclusively as he visited almost establishments in and around Halifax.

After flying here from Charlottetown, the Royal Canadian Air Force setup at nearby East Passage, the headquarters of the eastern air command here and the R. C. A. F.'s No. 1 depot.

The Duke was guest of the Nova Scotia Government at a dinner.

On two drives through the heart of the city, the Duke was cheered enthusiastically by thousands of persons who lined a route about 10 miles long. The drives in an open car were his only public appearances.

Tomorrow, he will inspect military establishments, including one of the fortresses guarding the sea approaches to Halifax, and the city dockyard. Then, in the afternoon, he will leave for Quebec by plane for a visit with the Governor-General before starting for Britain.

Coming Events

Show—Malpeque Thursday, L-318-9-3-21.

Show—Cance Cove Friday, L-319-9-3-21.

Reserve Nov 27th for Zion Church annual tea, L-384.

Show—Mt. Stewart Saturday, L-342-9-3-31.

Wanted to buy Chickens, P.W. Island Cold Storage, L-219-7-9-1.

Dance, Fortune Hall Friday night, Clifford Pears Orchestras, L-341-9-3-41-10-11.

Modern and Old Time Dancing, Merrill Hall, Friday 5th St., Avards Orchestra, L-372-9-4-21.

Wanted to buy—Bologna Cattle and Veal Calves, all grades cheap or prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd.

Collecting hogs Albany and other hogs and get the better price every week Trucking service. Write phone A. C. Green and G. O. Green.

The convention of East, West and Central Royalties, Spring Park, Parkdale, South Milton and Burlington Institutes is to be held at Hertz Hall, East Royalty, Sept. 19 at 3:30 Daylight Saving Time and evening session 8:30 (D.S.T.) Collection T. B. League, L-387.

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