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WAR IS DRAGGED TO U. S. DOOR BY TORPEDOING

Will visit Province this Week-end

Mr. Geoffrey H Shakespeare, M. P. Undersecretary of State for the Dominions and chairman of the Children's Overseas Reception Board (above) is scheduled to arrive in Charlottetown on the noon plane today on the last leg of a Dominion tour during which he has looked into the welfare of British war guest children brought to Canada.

He will be accompanied here by Mrs. Isabel Snow, Ottawa, representative in Canada of the children's overseas reception board.

Upon their arrival here, they will be met by Hon. Horace Wright, Minister in charge of Refugee Settlement, and Miss Jessie Fullerton, Supervisor of British Guest Children who have arranged a program which will enable the visitors to call on each of the 25 war guests at their foster homes in Prince Edward Island. This afternoon Mr. Shakespeare, Mrs. Snow and the Island representatives will motor to St. Peter's and Morell where two of the British Children are located in foster homes. In the evening children in Charlottetown will be

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Coming Events

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Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word

"Show—Morell Tuesday. L-363-100-18-2

"Show—St. Peters Wednesday. L-363-10-18-21

"Rummage sale at St. Peter's Hall Nov. 1. L 559

"Rummage Sale, Baptist Church lower hall, Saturday, October 18th, 6.30 P. M. L-503-10-17-21

"Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl Island Cold Storage L-219-7-9-tf

"Card Party, Spring Park School, Monday, October 20th. L-535-10.

"Reserve Thursday evening, November 6th for Zion Church Choir Concert. L-532-10-18-11.

"Loading lambs all day Monday at Melville, Oct. 20. Stewart Ross. L 562

"Dance, Lorne Valley, Tuesday, October 21st. Webster's Orchestra. L-539-10-18-21.

"Just arrived car of cedar shingles. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River. L 563

"Annual Chicken Supper and Dance, St. James Hall, Summerfield, Tuesday evening, October 28th. L-541-10-18-11.

"Buying live and dressed fowl also dressed chicken daily. Bowman's Store, Hunter River. L 384-10-15-21

"Wanted to buy—Bologna Cattle Sheep and Veal Calves, all grades Phone, write for prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. tf

"See "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town" by the Belfast Y. P. S. in Wood Islands Hall on Tuesday, October 21st at 8 P. M. L-540-10-18-11.

"Hear Rob Roy McGregor in Hunter River Masonic Hall, October 23rd. Proceeds for Red Cross. L-523-10-18-23.

"Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton, paying $8.00 a pair for pigs over 25 lbs each. Collecting hogs as usual each Tuesday for the Marketing Board. Knud Jorgenson. L-507-10-18-25-11-1-3.

Situation Of Moscow Grave

One Fierce German attack after another beaten off along western defences.

MOSCOW, Oct. 18—(Saturday)—(AP)—Red Armies before Moscow beat off one fierce attack after another by German forces battering at the western defences of the capital, the Russians announced early today.

"Heavy fighting along the whole front," said the early morning communique, which also announced the abandonment of the Black Sea port of Odessa. "Fighting was especially stubborn in the western direction where the Red Army beat off several fierce enemy attacks."

Earlier front-line dispatches said the Soviet defenders had smashed two German spearheads which had penetrated defences approximately 100 miles from the city but that the situation of the capital remained grave.

The communique failed to specify where the assaults on the central front were stopped, but dispatches to the press said the Germans were beaten back at Vyazma, 125 mile west of Moscow, and also at Kalinin, 95 miles northwest.

"The evacuation of Soviet troops from Odessa, organized by the Red army command during the past eight days, was completed in time and in perfect order," it said of the retreat from the southern city which the Germans said they and the Rumanians entered Thursday.

"Our troops having fulfilled their task in the Odessa area were transferred by our fleet to other sectors of the front in a perfectly orderly manner and without any losses.

"Rumors disseminated by the German radio to the effect that Soviet troops were forced to evacuate Odessa by an onslaught of German and Rumanian forces are absolutely without foundation.

"In reality the evacuation of Odessa was carried out pursuant to the decision of the supreme command of the Red army for strategic reasons and without any pressure on the part of German and Rumanian troops.

"Consequently statements of the German command concerning trophies allegedly captured by German and Rumanian troops in the Odessa area are nothing but empty bragging."

During German aerial thrusts against Moscow, 14 German planes were brought down in the vicinity of the city, the Russians announced.

In the Vyazma sector a heavy Red artillery fire halted the German advance, while in the Kalinin area more than 100 German tanks supported by aircraft were destroyed after the Nazis had penetrated

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Announces loss Of British Corvette

LONDON, Oct. 17 —(CP) — The admiralty announced tonight the loss of one of its fast little patrol boats—the Corvette Fleur De Lys.

The communique said:—

"The board of admiralty regrets to announce that the Corvette H. M. S. Fleur De Lys, Lieut. A. Collins, R. N. R., has been sunk. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed."

Premier King Comments on Canada's defence

(By C. R. Blackburn)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

KINGSTON, Ont., Oct. 17—(CP)—No foreign power could enter Canada, either from the Orient or from Europe without encountering the force of Canadian arms, Prime Minister Mackenzie King declared in an address here tonight.

Speaking at a civic banquet to Queen's University which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, Mr. King recalled the pledge of aid to Canada given by President Roosevelt when he received a degree from Queen's Aug. 18, 1938.

The following day, Mr. King recalled, he had stated in an address that the President's pledge of aid to Canada were attacked, placed upon Canada the responsibility of so protecting herself that the United States would not be open to an invader through the Dominion.

Mr. King said he did not then realize that there would so soon be an opportunity to point out how well that obligation had been adopted. "Today no foreign power, whether coming from the Orient or from Europe, could enter Canada without encountering the armed forces of this country."

Canadians, he said, were not only protecting the American continent on Canadian soil but on the sea and with an expeditionary force closer to the enemy—in Great Britain, and with outposts at strategic points in the Atlantic.

W. P. Zeller Quits post

OTTAWA, Oct. 17—(CP)—Resignation of Walter P. Zeller of Montreal as executive assistant directing tourist activities in the Department of National War Services was announced today by War Services Minister Thorson.

"My resignation is motivated solely by the consideration that training and experience have accustomed me to a larger measure of directness of action and it seems possible for me to exercise in my present post," said Mr. Zeller in his letter of resignation, made public by the minister.

The chain store proprietor who served for three months without salary or allowances said he appreciated the opportunity of working under the minister and in cooperation with departmental staff.

Mr. Thorson accepted the resignation with regret and in doing so thanked Mr. Zeller for his services.

HARRIMAN BACK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—W Averell Harriman, head of the United States delegation to the Moscow conference on Russian war needs, was reported to have arrived in Washington tonight in a bomber which flew directly from London. The direct flight from London, where Harriman returned after conferences with British and Russian officials in Moscow, will put it in the hands of the government the latest information on the status and requirements of the Red army, hard pressed by advancing German forces.

Scotland Yard In action to Solve murders

(By William Stewart)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Oct. 17—(CP Cable)—Scotland Yard, confronted with three murders within a week, summoned all its resources tonight to track down the killers and smother what might be the outbreak of the long-expected "blackout" crime wave.

The Yard has been on the alert since the war began for an epidemic of crime by night, but has declined to reveal the number of wartime murders compared with peacetime.

The motives for the latest series of slayings are age-old—passion, jealousy, greed.

The partly-clad body of 19 year old Mabel Church was found atop a staircase of a bombed and abandoned building. The body bore clear impressions of fingerprints and Scotland Yard experts reproduced the prints. A man is sought for questioning.

John Child, 54 year old parkkeeper, was found shot to death in a little hut in Mount Park. Six revolver shots had been fired into his body while he slept. Most of Childs' friends had believed him to be a bachelor but investigation showed he had been married and separated.

Detectives searching for a man and woman seen near the park a few hours before the shooting discovered Mrs. Theodora Greenhill, wealthy 65 year old widow, strangled in her Elshamroad flat.

The killing was committed with a piece of cord in the hands of a burglar who stripped the rings from the dead woman's fingers.

Police are seeking a mysterious "Dr. Trevor," a tall, greying man who sometimes wears a monocle and often adopts military titles.

N.B. Merchant Is convicted

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Oct. 17—(CP)—A jury in the Northumberland Circuit Court tonight convicted Harry Attis, Moncton merchant, of conspiring to steal cattle. It was his second trial, a previous jury having disagreed. He will be sentenced next Wednesday by Mr. Justice J. H. A. L. Fairweather.

Solemn U. S. House approves Ship arming

Vote Almost Two To One In Favor Of Putting Guns On Cargo Ships.

By REG INGRAHAM
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—A tense, solemn House of Representatives, stirred but not excited by the torpedoing of the United States destroyer Kearny, voted by an almost two to one majority today to authorize the arming of American merchant ships to protect them and their crews from Nazi "pirates."

The brief but momentous measure, repealing the Neutrality Act's two-year-old ban on the arming of merchantmen was sent to the Senate by the overwhelming roll-call vote of 259 to 138. Short tempers flared several times during the debate which preceded the vote but the outcome was never in doubt.

Republicans divided sharply on

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Search for soldier In jail break

HILLSBORO, N. B., Oct. 17—(CP)—Police tonight continued a search of Albert County and adjoining areas for Pte. Ernest Ferguson, young soldier who broke out of jail Wednesday night while under remand on a theft charge.

Last Saturday Ferguson was remanded to Thursday by Magistrate W. B. Steeves at Edgett's Landing, on a charge of stealing a suit of clothes and a revolver from the home of Bruce Fillmore at Turtle Creek.

Following discovery yesterday morning of his escape, it was learned Ferguson had substituted for his uniform a suit which a fellow prisoner had kept in a suitcase. Police reported he also took another prisoner's national registration certificate.

Airacobra Planes are Said superior

(By J. Wes Gallagher)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

A FIGHTER SQUADRON SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Oct. 17—(AP)—The United States-built airacobra has been stamped "the best pursuit plane in the air" by the pilots of the first Royal Air Force squadron in Britain using American made fighter planes. They are just back from two days of swift forays across the channel.

The airacobras shot up a ship in the channel, riddled harbor installations with cannon and machine-gun fire and returned safely to their base without encountering any German fighters.

The Canadian, South African, English, Czech and New Zealand pilots of the squadron are confident these planes can best the famed Messerschmitt 109F.

"We were quite impolite to the ship, positively rude to the harbor

Germans claim New advances On Moscow

BERLIN, Oct. 17 — (AP) — The German armies battling toward Moscow were claimed tonight to have occupied factories, power plants and lignite fields in the city's outlying economic region.

Just where these industrial centres lay was not precisely stated. It was said, however, that their capture represented advances west and south of Moscow.

The far southern theatre, in the region extending from Kharkov on the Donets River to Rostov on the Don to the east, was also described here as an area of German advance. The Ukrainian Nazi armies, freed by the fall of Odessa from any possible fear of counter-action at their southern flank, were said to be smashing eastward in the Donets Valley against a desperate Russian resistance typified by Red counter-attacks which hurled old-fashioned cavalrymen head-on at German tanks.

The capture of Odessa, which was credited largely to Rumanian arms, brought praise for Rumania along with suggestions that the country could expect commensurate recognition in the Axis' proposed new order.

A German war reporter said the Russians had set fire to all oil tanks in the city before falling back. His report did not indicate how much of Odessa has been destroyed.

Russian efforts to evacuate the flaming city by sea, the high command claimed, had cost them at least six transports sunk by bombers and eight more badly damaged with a Red speedboat destroyed.

Sgt. Observer Is missing

Sgt. Observer Ernest A. Tredenick (above) who Thursday was reported missing after air operations. He resided here some time while he attended Prince of Wales College. He is a native of West Devon, 26 miles from Summerside.

Uncle Sam in Sly hint to Japs re bases

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—As if to serve notice that it is feeling fit for any showdown in the Pacific, the United States Navy announced tonight that its program of constructing air bases in that vast ocean is progressing well.

Without so much as a mention of Japan, where an Axis-minded Premier has just been chosen, the announcement said:—

"In short, the new Pacific bases program is keeping well apace of the general expansion program of the navy in building up the nation's two-ocean navy to the greatest array of seapower the world has ever seen."

Only a few hours earlier the navy had announced that it had ordered "a very few" American merchant ships into port for instructions. It did not say where these ships are located, but other sources indicated that the international crisis with Japan had sent a number of vessels speeding to safety from Pacific war clouds.

These two developments followed increasing predictions on Cap-

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Interpreting The War News

(By Kirke L. Simpson)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

Destiny rode the deadly warhead of the torpedo that wounded the American destroyer Kearny, providing an overt act fraught with consequences still to be revealed for the United States and for the Axis.

The encounter between the Kearny and a craft which was presumably a German submarine came at a moment and under circumstances which compel recognition of the incident as a deliberate part of Hitlers master war plan. Its repercussions upon American public opinion are yet to be assessed. There can be no reasonable doubt, however, that the submarine commander who loosed that torpedo at the Kearny was under Berlin orders not only to hunt for victims in forbidden waters off Iceland, but to strike specifically at American warships.

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The blow was struck just as Berlin was picturing Russia all but beaten into impotency. It came also as Japan, shaken by a cabinet crisis, seemed to have cast her lot anew with her European Axis colleagues by elevating an Axis-minded member of her military caste to the premiership.

Into that timing can be read a definite Berlin assurance to

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HOME COMMENTS ON OIL STORY

TORONTO, Oct. 17—(CP)—Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, said here today that a statement of Joy Oil Company, printed as an advertisement yesterday which maintained that "the tanker shortage scare" was "engineered by the big oil companies" is "false and mischievous" and that its implications are "so serious that I hesitate to discuss the matter freely until it has been studied by the Department of Justice."

Russian army Admits loss Of Odessa

Indications Soviets Organizing New Defence Area To East.

LONDON, Oct. 17 —(CP) —The British Broadcasting Corporation relayed a Moscow radio announcement tonight that Red forces have abandoned Odessa, long-besieged Black Sea port.

"The evacuation was carried out in the course of the last eight days and was completed in perfect order," said the Russian announcement.

"Our troops have been transported by sea to other sectors," it concluded.

The Moscow radio declared that the German advance toward the Russian capital had been "somewhat slowed down" and that Red forces were still defending the roads to Moscow "with great tenacity."

Two hundred miles south of Moscow, according to the broadcast, the Germans had failed in an encirclement manoeuvre after occupying Orel.

As for the southern front, the radio added, the Germans have thrown large forces against the approaches to the Donetz Basin, supported by Hungarian, Italian and Rumanian divisions and there "the battle is raging with ever-growing intensity."

The announcer concluded that "even more stubborn fighting must be expected."

Indications that the principals of the Russian government, abandoning Moscow for Kazan, 450 miles to the east, were preparing to reorganize war operations from bases in the 100,000 square-mile area between the lower Ural Mountains and the Volga River were seen here tonight in authoritative quarters.

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U. S. Destroyer Limps for port; Hunt for raider

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(AP)—A grim hunt was believed in progress tonight in the foggy North Atlantic for the raider which torpedoed the United States destroyer Kearny but failed to sink her some 350 miles southwest of Iceland this morning.

The Kearny herself—$5,000,000. 1,630 ton destroyer completed a year ago—presumably was limping toward some North American port for repairs.

The Navy's brief announcement that the Kearny had been attacked said she was able, despite the damage, "to proceed under her own power."

For the time being, the navy stood on the statement which, it was noted, left unanswered such questions as:—

What type of craft, submarine, surface raider or airplane, fired the torpedo? What was its nationality? Was the Kearny able to strike back?

In official circles the general presumption was that a submarine fired the torpedo. It was considered highly improbable that an airplane would have been operating so far at sea or that a surface raider, if one had slipped past British and American patrols farther to the east, could have approached close enough to the speedy destroyer to hit her with a torpedo.

While the navy declined to say what action was being taken there was little doubt that an aggressive search was under way for the attacker.

President Roosevelt, at a press conference in Hyde Park, N. Y. said in response to questions about possible retaliation that regular navy orders applied. He noted that the torpedoing was clearly in the American defence zone.

The regular orders given the Navy last Sept. 11 were to hunt down and eliminate any "rattlesnake raiders" in American defensive waters.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

OCT. 18, 1916 — French troops forced complete evacuation of Sailly-Saillisel on the Somme and gained important heights northeast and northwest of village. Rioting broke out in Athens streets.

OCT. 19, 1916—New German offensive launched against Rumanian army in the Dubrudja. Serbians occupied Brod in Macedonia. Cunard liner Alaunia sunk by mine in English channel.

Action Comes As Far East Crisis Becomes Critical

Official Washington appears in no haste to rush into action until policy of new Jap Gov't becomes clear; No backing down, however.

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

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17—(CP)—Fast becoming alarmed over the Far Eastern situation and worried over German military successes before Moscow, the United States had the war dragged to her own doorstep today in the torpedoing, apparently by a Nazi submarine, of the American destroyer Kearny, 350 miles off Iceland.

The destroyer, one of the most modern in the Atlantic patrol was hit, but did not sink, at almost the same time as the United States navy was reported ordering American merchant shipping to leave Japanese and Chinese waters in the Pacific.

Reports circulated in Maritime quarters that the navy had ordered all American merchantmen to to leave those waters, but the navy said later it had only given "a very few" ships orders to go into port "for instructions regarding their voyages." It did not say whether these ships are in Oriental waters.

It was the first American warship damaged by Axis forces in the war although the destroyer Greer was attacked several weeks ago by a German underwater raider. It was believed there were no casualties among the crew and the Kearny was able to limp away under her own power.

The first immediate reaction here was to rush through the House of Representatives the final stages of the bill to remove the Neutrality Acts prohibition against the arming of American merchant ships.

Although official sources, including President Roosevelt at his Hyde Park, N.Y., home, declined to discuss the attack, senators and representatives were less restrained. For the most part, opponents of the Roosevelt foreign policy adopted a "what more can you expect?" attitude, generally adding that this is nothing to go to war about.

On the other hand, followers of the Roosevelt foreign policy sharply attacked the Germans for shooting at the Kearny, some suggesting the Nazis were trying to impress the Japanese, to force them or encourage them to extend their military activities in the Far East by demonstrating that United States interests could be attacked apparently with immunity.

Even in the comments of the most ardent pro-Roosevelt congressmen, however, there was no demand for a declaration of war against Germany. Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat of Florida, only went the length of demanding "two sinkings

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Soldier takes Over new Jap Gov't

More Active Support For European Axis Partners Seen Probable.

(By Max Hill)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

TOKYO, Oct. 17—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito today commanded a soldier, admirer of German military methods, Lt.-Gen Eiki Tojo, to form a new cabinet for solution of the grave questions of policy which the cabinet of Premier Prince Konoye had abandoned in confessed futility.

These problems are chiefly critical relations with the United States and Soviet Russia and disposition of

TOKYO, Oct. 18—(Saturday)—(AP)—Completion of a new Japanese cabinet was announced today by Lt. Gen. Eiki Tojo. The personnel will be announced at installation services, probably later today.

what Japanese call the "China affair." The new leader chosen by the throne once envisioned the possibility of simultaneous war with China and Russia.

The 56 year old Tojo, thus lifted

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BELGIUM FACES FAMINE

HALIFAX, Oct. 17—(CP)—Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium opened a home for Belgian seamen here today and later told reporters his homeland "certainly" faced famine this winter. Resistance to the Germans was "very strong" and, he said, there have "apparently been more arrests" than during the German occupation in the First Great War. Hundreds of Belgians were interned in Spain after crossing France in escape attempts.

Crew of long Overdue vessel Picked up

RIVERPORT, N. S., Oct. 17—(CP)—A cable from the Jamaica owner of the schooner Jean F. Anderson said tonight an unidentified ship had picked up the six-man crew of the sailing vessel, long overdue on a voyage from Jacksonville, Fla., to Bermuda.

J. E. Bachman said he had received a message from a Captain Reed in Kingston, Jamaica, recent purchaser of the Lunenburg schooner, saying the Captain of the rescue ship had advised him by wireless the five Nova Scotians and one American on the three-masted Anderson were safe.

TORONTO, Oct. 17 (CP) —Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	21	24
Victoria	48	—
Edmonton	38	61
Regina	46	—
Winnipeg	42	54
Toronto	37	57
Ottawa	27	55
Montreal	32	51
Boston	36	59

SYNOPSIS

The weather has been fair and comparatively cool over Ontario, but it continues mild in the prairie provinces and light scattered showers have occurred in some parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

BOSTON, Oct. 17 —(AP)—Maine—mostly cloudy in north with occasional light rain in extreme north and increasing cloudiness in south portion, warmer Saturday; cloudy and not so cool with occasional rain in south portion Saturday night, Sunday rain.

Vermont and New Hampshire — Increasing cloudiness and warmer Saturday, occasional rain and not so cool Saturday night; Sunday rain.

High tide this morning at 8.17 and tonight at 8.56.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.11 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.21.

New moon, Oct. 20, 10.20 a. m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN—CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

(DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY)

Leave Borden 9.25 A.M., 1.00 P.M. 4.45 P.M.

Leave Cape Tormentine 11.00 A.M., 3.20 P.M., 6.20 P.M.

Sunday service, leave Borden 9.00 A.M., and 4.45 P.M.; leave Cape Tormentine 10.05 A.M., and 5.50 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY

(DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS)

Leaves Wood Island 6.00 A.M., 10.00 A.M., and 2.00 P.M.

Leaves Caribou 8.00 A.M., 12 noon and 4.00 P.M.