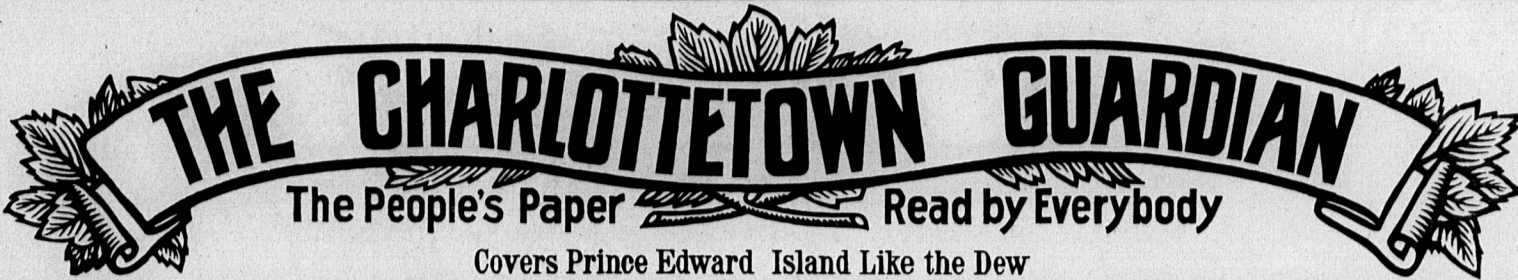


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# R. A. F. SCORE VICTORIES

## Debt Increase Now At Rate Of Million & Half

### Conservative Leader Analyzes Staggering Increase In Liabilities Under Campbell Government.

## CONSERVATIVE PARTY CAUCUS ON MAY 13

OTTAWA, April 24—(CP)—First outward sign of quickening activity on Parliament Hill in anticipation of Parliament's opening May 16 came today in an announcement by Conservative leader Manion that a party caucus would be held here May 13.

Conservative leader Manion said the caucus of his 38 followers who were successful in the Dominion elections would "choose a temporary House leader" and make preparations for the session.

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## 3 DROWNED AS CAR LEAPS INTO LAKE

### HALIFAX, April 24—(CP)—Trapped in the rear of a partially submerged automobile, three persons drowned tonight after the car had shot off the road and plunged into Lewis Lake 15 miles from here.

The victims—two of them a mother and her child—died in water so shallow that the two persons who escaped from the machine were standing on its roof when help arrived.

The driver of the automobile, George Woodley, 25, of Halifax, escaped with Olive Thibodeau, 16-year-old daughter of the drowned woman. Miss Thibodeau was sitting in the front seat with Woodley when the car left St. Margaret's Bay Road on a stiff curve.

The group had left Halifax early in the evening for a ride in the country and were returning home at the time of the accident.

As the car tumbled down an embankment and came to rest in the water, Woodley and Miss Thibodeau made their way through the front doors and climbed to the top, still projecting out of the water.

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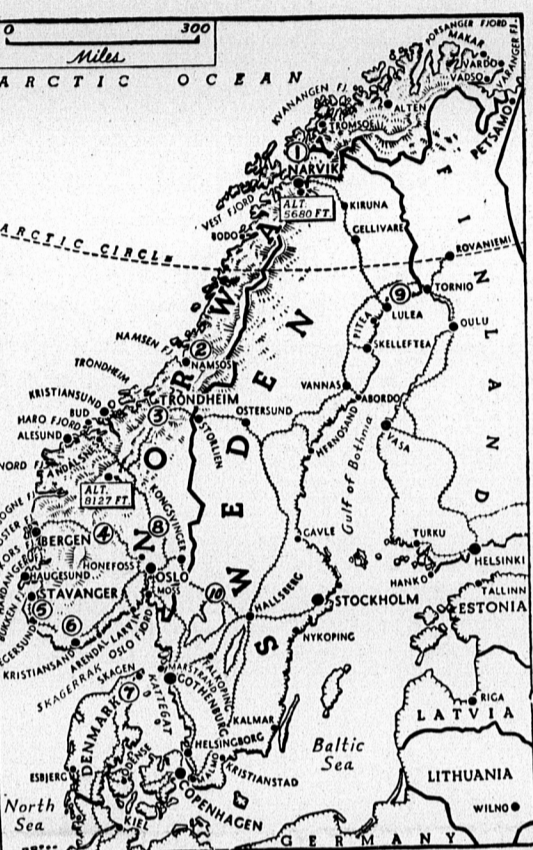
The two survivors' shouts for help from the car roof attracted John P. Nolan and Ed O'Flaherty, who helped them out of the submerged car.

Doctors from Halifax worked over the bodies for a considerable time, without result.

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## Norwegians Seize German Plane, Escape

LONDON, April 24—(CP)—A German Heinkel seaplane landed at a British port the other day. Two Norwegian airmen stepped out and said they had snatched it from a home fjord.

They painted out the Swastikas and put on the Norwegian colors, which got them by the British defenses.

Twelve days ago three Norwegians escaped from the Germans in one of their own naval seaplanes and flew to Britain.

LONDON, April 25—(Thursday)—(CP)—Anti-aircraft guns of Scapa Flow, Britain's great naval anchorage in the Orkney Islands, late last night beat off an attack by German warplanes.

Numerous enemy aircraft participated, a communique said, but they dropped heavy bombs; damage was caused. They said the bombs fell on desolate country in the Island of Hoy. One explosion shook houses six miles away.

One of the raiders was reported to have turned its machine gun on a section of the Hoy countryside. The Admiralty and Air Ministry, in a joint statement, early today said: "Numerous enemy aircraft attempted an attack on Scapa Flow late last night (Wednesday)."

## HOLD ROCKY POSITIONS AT TRONDHEIM

### British Troops Re-establish Lines After Sharp Fighting.

LONDON, April 24—(CP)—British infantry and artillerymen, fighting off a vigorous German counter-attack, were finally stated tonight to have held their rocky positions in the Trondheim area of western Norway.

A war office communique said that after "sharp fighting" the British troops re-established their lines. Reuters News Agency reported from Nordli in Norway that

(By Elmer W. Peterson) (Associated Press Staff Writer) STOCKHOLM, April 25—(Thursday)—(AP)—British troops in central Norway, facing combined German infantry, field artillery and air attack, today dug into strong fortifications six miles to the north of ruined Steinkjer.

At the same time a German flanking force was reported proceeding up the Glomma River in eastern Norway near the Swedish border, pressing on the town of Eros. Airplanes with this force bombed a Norwegian troop train carrying 165 soldiers with disastrous results at a point north of Tynset, which the Germans occupied.

Allied troops are holding their positions around Steinkjer, northeast of Trondheim.

Allied land columns were reported converging on strategically important Lillehammer, valley gate to the south of Norway.

The Reuters dispatch said the Germans were making desperate efforts to break up an encircling operation being pressed by the Allied forces in the Trondheim area. The correspondent said Allied forces were increasing steadily in

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## German Bases Blasted With High Explosives

### Raids Said To Serve Two Major Purposes—Nazi Ships Included In Latest Objectives.

LONDON, April 24—(CP)—British bombs exploded with deadly effect today on five Nazi air bases over a 400-mile radius in Germany, Denmark and Norway in a determined attack on the airports used to reinforce and supply German's troops of occupation in Norway.

Big bombers of the Royal Air Force ferried their loads of destruction across the North Sea. They struck at Stavanger, Oslo and Kristiansand, in Norway; Aalborg, in Denmark, and at the German island of Sylt, off southwest Denmark, a seaplane base. Twice, moreover, they attacked German ships.

Two of the "large number" of planes which took part did not return, the Air Minister announced.

The raids brought to well over 20 the number of times that the R. A. F. has blasted with high explosives the runways, hangars and supply depots of Nazi airports since the German invasion of Norway and Denmark.

The continual raids have served two related major purposes: 1. They have prevented Adolf Hitler from having unobstructed possession of important airdromes such as Stavanger and Bergen on the Norwegian coast within approximately an hour's flying time from the United Kingdom.

2. They have interfered greatly with the German plans of using their airfields both as termini of the troop-ferry system across the Skagerrak and as points of departure for attacks on the Allied expeditionary force now landed and landing on the Norwegian coasts.

Westland Airdrome on Sylt, convenient base for German attacks on transport shipping along the coast of Norway and against the Allied lines of communication within that country, received the attention of a large force of long-range bombers today.

One hangar was hit several times, returning fliers stated, and another was believed to have been damaged badly by R.A.F. planes which darted over the airdrome from all directions to confuse the ground batteries.

While the main body of bombers dared heavy fire over the island, another plane assaulted naval auxiliaries of the shore. It dived from 4,000 to 1,500 feet, despite anti-aircraft fire, and bombed one of the ships.

"She disappeared," said a pilot's

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International At A Glance

## HUNDREDS DIE, TRAPPED IN FLAMING HALL

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 24—(AP)—Flames whisking at explosive speed through a crowded, draped dance hall early today killed at least 247 Negro merry-makers and critically injured two score more in the South's deadliest fire disaster.

The Red Cross moved swiftly to provide care for the victims. Mayor William Byrne promised thorough inquiry into the tragedy, caused he said, because the Rhythm Night Club was "the worst fire trap imaginable."

Some 300 members and friends of the Moneywashers Social Club were jammed into the converted blacksmith shop dancing when fire broke out near the single door at the front of the building.

A handful of dancers battled their way through the narrow door or wormed through the ticket-seller's window nearby. The rest were driven toward the rear of the building, blinded by smoke and herded by flames.

The stampede swept back around the bandstand, beat futilely against the windows, which had been securely boarded up to bar "gatecrashers." One rear window's boards gave way and a few struggled out.

The remainder died screaming and clawing for escape, and fell in piles that mounted shoulder high. The Red Cross late today announced the death list stood at 247, with a probable total of 253 and the possibility that further deaths among the injured might make this go slightly higher.

## BULLETIN

STOCKHOLM, April 25—(Thursday)—(AP)—British bombers today attacked Agdenes fortress at the mouth of Trondheim Fjord in Norway and met fire from the fortress and three German destroyers.

## Nazi Transports Reported Moving From Baltic Ports

PARIS, April 24—(CP)—Attention of the French high command was riveted tonight on Sweden following reports that troop-laden German transports had steamed out of Baltic ports for an undisclosed destination.

Confirmation of the reports was lacking but accounts published in Paris have noted Nazi troop concentrations at the Baltic ports of Lubeck, Stralsund, Stehlin, Königsberg and Danzig, as well as several Danish coastal points.

These German concentrations, linked here with French reports of "sailed violations of Swedish territory by German warplanes, caused grave consideration of Sweden's future.

A war ministry spokesman interpreted as a "grave menace" to Sweden the reported German troop embarkations.

Government quarters, commenting on the two-day sessions of the allied supreme war council concluded yesterday, said France and Britain would strike hard and fast in any part of Europe where their interest

## Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Dance Bradalbane hall tonight, L-505.
- Cake Sale Holmans, April 27th, aid of Basilica Altar Society, L-491-4-24-41.
- Eggett Property Auction postponed till Thursday, May 2nd, L-476-4-24-21.
- Cake Sale, Moore & McLeod's Ladies of Alexandra Institute Saturday afternoon, April 27th, L-486-4-25-11.
- Dance in Tracadie Hall Friday evening, April 26th under the auspices of the C.W.L., L-491-4-25-11.
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- Rummage Sale Y. M. C. A. Saturday, April 27th, 6:30 P. M. Proceeds in aid of the Association, L-493-4-25-31.
- Buying live hogs at Albany, April 25th, Friday, April 26th at Enfield until noon. Signed G. C. Green.
- Variety Concert, Hunter River Masonic Hall, Thursday, April 25th, 8:00 P. M. Women's Association. If not fine, Young People's Union, L-449-4-23-25.

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## Nazis Claim Control Of South Norway

BERLIN, April 24—(AP)—German authorities claimed tonight their troops controlled southern Norway between Oslo and the southwestern port of Stavanger, 200 miles from the capital.

The Germans laid claim to southern Norway after the High Command communique on yesterday's fighting contended that German troops had disarmed two Norwegian divisions in the Stavanger vicinity.

The High Command also claimed that German troops had driven the Norwegians from Steinkjer, at the head of Trondheim Fjord and 65 miles north of the important western port of Trondheim, held by Germany.

(In London) The War Office announced that British troops beat off a strong counter-attack yesterday by German troops which landed within Trondheim Fjord and that the British had succeeded in "re-establishing the situation".

### Very Finest Quality "SALADA" TEA

APRIL 25, 1915—King George V in a message to the Duke of Cornwall, Governor-General of Canada, expressed admiration of the "gallant stand" made by Canadians at Ypres. Australians landed at Gaba Tepeh as general attack on the Dardanelles was renewed.

## GIRL GUIDES 30TH ANNUAL

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, April 24—Annual meeting of the Canadian Council of the Girl Guide Association and the Dominion Commissioners' Conference will be held at the Royal York Hotel Toronto, May 20-21.

The program will include a special dinner in honor of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Guide movement in Canada.

Several outstanding speakers will give talks during the two-day conference on subjects related to the work of the Association.

AN OPTIMIST IS ONE WHO THINKS IT'S AS WARM OUT ON THE LINKS AS IT IS IN THE CLUB HOUSE

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, April 24—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 29-68, Vancouver 49-66, Edmonton 23-46, Regina 27-48, Winnipeg 24-49, Toronto 37-52, Ottawa 35-52, Montreal 39-54, Quebec 31-47, Saint John 32-41, Charlottetown 31-37, Maritime Provinces: Moderate winds; partly cloudy and cool.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair with moderate temperature over the greater part of Ontario while in the Prairie Provinces it has been cloudy and cool with light rain and snow in Alberta.

High tide this afternoon at 12:34 and tomorrow morning at 1:50. Sun sets this evening at 6:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:58. Last quarter moon, April 24 3:49 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen min. later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 1:05 P.M.