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SIR FREDERICK BANTING KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Nazi Raiders Over Channel; Little Damage

R.A.F. gets in some anti-invasion blows despite unfavorable weather.

LONDON, Feb. 24—(CP)—German raiders swept through starlit skies over the becalmed English Channel tonight shortly after blackout time, but hours later the "all clear" sounded in London without any invading planes having been seen or heard.

Nazi aircraft were reported over towns in East Anglia, but there apparently was very little activity. Anti-aircraft batteries in London remained silent.

The alarm sounded after a day of scattered raids over East Anglia and north Scotland, where the Government said there were neither casualties nor damage.

High explosive bombs demolished houses and shops in a town in the east midlands and on the Merseyside, but no casualties were reported.

The Royal Air Force, hampered by unfavorable weather, last night managed to get in its 74th anti-invasion attack against Boulogne and the 61st on Calais. Brest, another frequent target, likewise was attacked.

At Boulogne and Calais, the air ministry announced, "large fires were set and many bursts were observed on the dock areas." It added that a moored ship was struck and set afire at Calais.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire from Boulogne could be heard across the Strait of Dover, but fog hid the aerial action. One R. A. F. bomber failed to return.

As the Nazi night raids over England dwindled just before Monday's dawn, the German long-range guns on the French coast began lobbing shells across the Strait of Dover.

TAKES SUPPLY POST

Francis Farwell, president of Canadian Coach Lines, Ltd. has been named executive assistant to the master-general of ordnance. This is the department which supplies the Canadian forces with virtually every bit of equipment from toothpaste to tanks.

Rescue planes Reach Moncton

MONCTON, N. B., Feb 24 — (CP)—Two ski-equipped planes of the Royal Canadian Air Force arrived here tonight from Ottawa, enroute to Newfoundland where Sir Frederick Banting and two companions died in the crash of a military plane.

The pilots were awaiting further instructions.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

MUNICH —Hitler promises big submarine offensive against Britain next month.

LONDON — Britain and United States were reported to have warned Japan to remain clear of British Singapore and Netherlands East Indies.

TOKYO — Japanese mediators announce new 10-day extension of armistice in effort to settle Thailand - French Indo-China border dispute.

CAIRO —British bombers attack Italian airdromes at Addis Ababa; troops capture two additional Somaliland posts, drive new wedge 60 miles into Eritrea.

SOFIA — Britons leave Bulgaria in expectation of German invasion.

Coming Events

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British Minister Plans to leave Bulgaria soon

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 24. — (AP) —Sources close to the British legation said today that British Minister George W. Rendell and his staff were planning to leave Bulgaria this week, because of the expected entrance into this country of Nazi troops.

Three directors of the British institute, an educational adjunct of the legation, left Bulgaria today en route to Turkey. The British institute closed yesterday.

The exodus of British men, women and children from Bulgaria led the Istanbul newspaper Ikdam to comment that "this is an important sign of the times."

"The Axis," it said, "is going to try to occupy the whole Mediterranean. The first move of this manoeuvre is to occupy Greece. There are great preparations although none knows how, when or where the real explosion is going to take place."

Two Italian Posts taken By British

BY ERIC BIGIO
Associated Press Staff Writer

CAIRO, Feb. 24.—(AP) — Royal Air Force bombers smashed at Italian airdromes in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, while reinforced British land columns seized two additional posts on the Juba River front in Somaliland and are within 40 miles of closing a pincer movement against besieged Cheren, in Eritrea, British headquarters announced tonight.

"Extensive damage" on the Italian air base buildings in Addis Ababa was announced in a Royal Air Force communique issued tonight at Aden.

The British raiders also bombed and machine-gunned Italian transport lines in the Dessie-Alomata area, damaging trucks and inflicting casualties, the communique said, adding, "Our aircraft met with opposition, but all got back safely."

The Middle East command credited South African forces, aided by Free French Senegalese warriors, with the capture of Gelib and Margherita on the Juba front, where the Italians have been putting up the stiffest resistance of the entire African campaign.

Greeks claim 20,000 Fascist Soldiers taken

By J. REILLY O'SULLIVAN
Associated Press Staff Writer

ATHENS, Feb. 24.—(AP) — The Greek army in almost four months of war has captured 20,000 Italians and "will not cease fighting until the Italians are out of Albania," a government spokesman said tonight.

The statement was a detailed reply to the speech Sunday by Mussolini, who represented Greek losses as heavy and minimized Italy's casualties.

In view of German hopes of forcing Greece to sue for peace with Italy, observers expressed interest in the statement that the Greeks will not rest until they drive the Italians out of Albania.

The captured Italians included 551 officers, the spokesman said.

Mussolini said Sunday that Italy's losses in the Greek campaign were "a few thousands, mostly wounded."

Petain names New set-up For Gov't

VICHY, Feb. 24.—(AP) — A new governmental organization including 15 secretaries of state under Marshal Petain, of which five ministers will form a cabinet, was announced tonight.

The five cabinet ministers were not named, but it was believed they would be vice-premier Admiral Jean Darlan, Finance Minister Yves Boutillier, Defence Minister General Charles Huntzinger, Prof. Joseph Barthelmey, who is expected to replace Justice Minister Raiphael Alibert, and Minister of Agriculture Pierre Caziot.

This five-man board replaced the triumvirate idea once expected.

Another decree created a secretariat of state of economy, charged with all questions concerning French-German economic relations under authority of a delegate-general who will direct negotiations between the two countries. The delegate will be in direct touch with economic delegations of the armistice commission.

Under the reorganization, Marshal Petain remains as chief of state and chief of government.

Some observers suggested the new delegate-general for French-German negotiations might be a place which would be offered Pierre Laval.

The official announcement of today's changes emphasized that Petain is following a policy of collaboration with Germany, although it apeared to be principally economic.

Hitler Renews Threat Of Naval Offensive

Remains silent on invasion plans; Forgets to predict victory in 1941.

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF
Associated Press Staff Writer

MUNICH, Germany, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Hitler took it on himself today to claim that German sea raiders had sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in the past two days, and he proclaimed that this was only the beginning of a sweeping naval offensive to reach full swing in the next two months.

(There was no comment in London on the claim.

(D.N.B., the propaganda agency that often issues such claims, later put the figure at 217,300 tons and added that of this tonnage 125,000 was sent to the bottom in an attack on a single convoy. The agency claimed one victim was an auxiliary cruiser.

(It was assumed the tonnage reported sunk in this convoy was the same as that referred to by Hitler, who said 190,000 tons were bagged by submarines.

(Larry Allen, Associated Press correspondent with the British fleet, reported British warships beat off a Nazi attack on convoyed ships in the Mediterranean and that none was hit).

Hitler said Germany's undersea warfare had been restricted until recently to the operations of "so few submarines" while new crews were being trained to go to sea in force.

Gives Credit to Italy

Hitler credited Italy with tying up large British sea forces, as well as

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LONDON, Feb. 25—(Tuesday) (CP Cable)—Political and diplomatic quarters took the view today that Hitler's Munich peroration, in which he threatened an all-out campaign against Britain, was one of his most tedious efforts to date, contributing nothing new to the general outlook.

The diplomatic correspondent of Reuter's news agency summed up the reaction by remarking that Mussolini's speech on Sunday was a "masterpiece of refreshing candor by comparison."

HOUSE DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH VICHY GOVERNMENT

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—(CP)—Clarification of "the delicate situation between ourselves and occupied France" was requested today by Opposition Leader Hanson, speaking in the House of Commons.

Canada should do all possible to strengthen the hand of the Petain Government, "as presently constituted," Mr. Hanson said, "but only so long as they fight against the pressure being exerted to secure direct French collaboration against Britain and the Empire."

Speaking in the debate on external affairs, Mr. Hanson said Canadians should do anything possible to induce and assist the French government in resisting Nazi efforts to obtain the French navy or Mediterranean bases.

"But we must safeguard ourselves against any possible advantage being gained by the enemy through our continued maintenance of diplomatic relations with the Vichy government," he added.

"I would ask the Prime Minister to state to the House whether the present situation has the full consent and approval of the British government. If it has, then I am content."

M. J. Coldwell, Acting C. C. F. House Leader, warned against the possibility of trouble after the war unless plans were initiated at once that would ensure opportunity and security for the people.

He said there were "economic bourbons" in Canada who were opposed to organizing of the workers, but if they knew where their best interests were they would assist such organizations.

He urged fullest possible development of friendly relations with all countries in North and South America.

John Blackmore, New Democracy leader, expressed fear that centralization of industrial activity would lead to serious consequences, and said the extraordinary powers being given industrial controllers might hasten such centralization.

Mr. Hanson, who opened the afternoon's debate, was critical of the

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Italian air Squadron is Wiped out

ROME, Feb. 24 —(AP) —Italy's Fifth air squadron, which Mussolini yesterday said was "almost literally sacrificed" in the battle of North Africa, lost 171 planes and 525 men up to Feb. 5, an order of the day disclosed today.

The order, issued by air squadron Gen. Felice Porro when he was relieved of his command a few days before the fall of Bengasi, has just been published.

The squadron's losses were given as 130 men killed in combat, 200 wounded, 180 missing and 15 taken prisoner. Ninety-five of its planes were shot down in air battles while 76 were destroyed on the ground, the former commander said.

Hold gunner At Petawawa on Murder charge

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 24.—(CP)—Police said tonight they were holding Gunner J. B. McGuffin, 25, of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Petawawa, on a charge of murder after the fatal shooting in a beverage room here of George Stonehouse and Charles Kennedy.

Police said that Stonehouse and Kennedy had ordered McGuffin to leave the hotel after he allegedly created a disturbance. Then he allegedly whipped out a revolver and fired point blank at the two men. Stonehouse fell dead and his companion died on his way to hospital.

McGuffin, said to have been still holding the revolver in his hand, walked out of the hotel and a crowd formed, but kept at a safe distance from the man.

Police said that McGuffin entered a store down the street and officers, arriving soon afterwards, followed him in. At the sight of the officers McGuffin allegedly drew out his revolver again, but one of the police, Detective John Parker, took it away from him.

Eden to go To Turkey?

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports said tonight that Britain's foreign secretary, Anthony Eden, would fly from Egypt in the next few days to Adana, Southern Turkey, there to be greeted by a high Turkish official, then to go to Ankara for talks with Turkish leaders.

Officials' quarters said they had no knowledge regarding the persistent reports.

Announce death of Airman in accident

OTTAWA, Feb 24.—(CP)—Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters today announced the death in a flying accident overseas of Flt. Lieut. Benedict Reynolds, 22, of Lake Lenore, Sask.

An announcement from R.C.A.F. headquarters said Flt. Lt. Reynolds was attached to No. 1, R.C.A.F. fighter squadron. No details of the accident were given.

Advise Japs "Hands off" In Far East

LONDON, Feb. 24 —(CP) —Great Britain and the United States were reported today to have advised Japan to keep hands off Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies.

These reports were published in London as Prime Minister Churchill conferred with Japanese ambassador Mamoru Shigemitsu, but the reported warning was not believed to have been issued in their meeting.

The Japanese envoy, it was said, sought clarification of Britain's attitude in the far east, particularly in view of her mining of the sea approaches to Singapore, her great Pacific base. Mr. Churchill was understood to have given written replies to inquiries by Japanese foreign minister Yosuke Matsuoka.

Japanese circles here called the Churchill- Shigemitsu conversation "very fruitful" and said they felt the discussion "should contribute to removing misunderstandings between the two countries."

The Evening News said that both Britain and the United States have "given Japan a straight warning about the consequences if she continues her drive southward toward Singapore and the Dutch East Indies."

"If the movement is not stopped or radically moderated," the newspaper declared, Britain has warned that "it must eventually bring Japan into collision with vital British interests in the Pacific."

It added that "America had said much the same thing."

Authoritative diplomatic sources also said Britain had made known to Japan her view that Japanese southward expansion "enhanced danger" in the Orient, but they denied that Matsuoka had refused proposals by Mr. Eden and said no concrete proposals had been made to Japan.

Two new N. S. Cabinet Members Are named

HALIFAX, Feb. 24 —(CP) —Appointment of two new Ministers to the Nova Scotia cabinet was announced tonight by Premier A. S. MacMillan. John D. McKenzie, Liberal member of the legislature for Annapolis, takes over the highways and public works portfolios relinquished by the Premier, and Harold Connolly, Liberal member for Halifax North, becomes Minister of industry and publicity.

Pledge for War Savings

"SALADA" TEA

Island pelts On display In New York

Mr. George A. Callbeck, Manager of the Fur Sales Department, Canadian National Fox Breeders Association, Summerside left yesterday for New York where the show pelts of the Silver Fox Breeders and Exhibitors Association of Prince Edward Island will be sold. They were consigned by Mr. Callbeck to Lampson, Fraser and Huth, Inc., of New York and will go on display at their ware rooms Thursday and will continue on display with other silver fox furs until Monday. The exact day next week when the auction commences has not been announced but it will probably be near the end of the week. In the meantime advertisements are being run in Women's Wear, Fur Trade Reviews and other magazines circulating among the fur trade in New York extoling the beauties of this shipment of silver fox pelts direct from the Garden of the Gulf, the original home of the silver fox.

Crash was 145 Miles from St. John's, reveal

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Feb. 24.— (CP Cable)—The military plane which carried Sir Frederick Banting and two others to their deaths crashed near Musgrave Harbor, on Newfoundland's east coast about 20 miles northwest of Cape Freels, officials here announced tonight.

Musgrave is approximately 145 miles, by air, northwest of here.

Writing in the snows about the wrecked plane told occupants of a searching plane that the only survivor was the pilot, the office of the Commissioner of Public Utilities disclosed. The pilot was Captain Joseph Mackey of Kansas City.

The cracked-up machine did not appear to be badly damaged, according to meagre information received here.

The searching plane dropped instructions at a nearby community, and it was believed here parties had left to bring in the survivor and the bodies.

Canadian army Casualty list

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 —(CP) —Five members of the Canadian (active) army were reported dead in the army's 38th casualty list, issued late today, bringing total number of dead and missing reported by the army since the war began to 180.

Two men were reported dangerously ill and four seriously ill.

Following is the latest list of casualties with regimental number and next of kin:

Dead:

Royal Canadian Engineers:
Poole, Brian Thomas, Spr., H13209, Miss Alice Poole (sister) Winnipeg.

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals:

Ferguson, Ian Hamilton, sigmn., D21214, Harry Ferguson (father) Westmount, Que.

Central Ontario Regiment:

Melnyk, John Pte., B73614, Mrs. Anne Coypek (mother) Glace Bay, N. S.

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps:

Boyle, Edward Francis, Cqms., C12424, William James Boyle (father) Toronto.

Ancillary Troops:

Collins, Ernest Alfred, L. Cpl., K16108, Mrs. Eliza Collins (wife) Vancouver.

Dangerously Ill:

Royal Canadian Engineers:

McMurray, John Andrew, Spr., B28357, John McMurray (father) Lakefield, Ont.

Alberta Regiment:

Brownlee, Joseph John, S. Sgt., M16515, John A. Brownlee (father) Portadown, Ireland.

Seriously Ill:

Royal Canadian Artillery:

Bruce, Herbert Maxwell, Lieut., Col. H. A. Bruce (father) Annandale, Ont.

Bryon, Lloyd Montagu, Lieut., Mrs. Mary Cecelia Byron (wife) Newcastle, N. B.

Infantry:

Coles, Arnold Clair, Pte., H17093, Thomas Geer Coles (father) Miami Man.

Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps:

Hamilton, William George, Pte., B94754, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton (wife) Westmount, Ont.

Missing Plane Found In Nfld.; Pilot Said Safe

Noted Scientist was en-route to Great Britain with new medical knowledge valuable in war effort; Nation mourns loss of famous man.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(CP)—Death, striking on the lonely shores of Newfoundland, claimed Sir Frederick Banting, Canada's key man in army medical science, it became known today. Two companions died with him in the crash of a military plane.

This information was given a solemn House of Commons late today by Defence Minister Ralston. Earlier Munitions Minister Howe had announced that the plane, bearing Sir Frederick on an undisclosed war mission, had been sighted after being missing since last Friday.

Prime Minister King said the 49-year-old Sir Frederick "was proceeding to Britain on a mission of high national and scientific importance."

Only one man, Capt. Joseph Creighton Mackay of Kansas City, pilot of the craft, survived. He wrote in the Newfoundland snows beside the wreckage the message that Sir Frederick and two others were dead.

They were: Navigator William Bird, Kidderminster, Eng., and William Snailham, Bedford, N. S.

Mr. Howe, replying to a question from Opposition Leader Hanson early in the afternoon, said the missing plane had been located. He told of the writing in the snow as seen by aerial searchers.

The writing—there was no indication of its message at this time—raised hopes that possibly more than one of those aboard the plane had survived.

The Minister could say no more. But as the afternoon wore on further news came in and when the House finished its afternoon sitting there was left for party leaders only to pay their tributes to Sir Frederick, "a benefactor of mankind."

Survivor Awaits Rescue

Meantime, while the lone survivor awaited rescue by the wreckage of his plane, two large ski-equipped machines, heavily loaded with medical and rescue equipment, left Ottawa after first word of the crash was received.

The survivor, spotted from the air, was cared for by two trappers, according to information reaching here. A ski-equipped plane was sent from an eastern base to give him aid and supplies were dropped.

The planes from Ottawa were to be directed along their route by wireless, so meagre was information available when they left. As one report followed another it became obvious rescue would be only

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Ontario pegs Minimum price For Tomatoes

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—(CP) — George Wilson, chairman of the Farm Products Control Board of Ontario, announced today a minimum price of $14.10 a ton for tomatoes to be paid Ontario growers by processors this year. The average price last year was $11.65 for 140,000 tons bought for processing purposes.

Says Thailand, French Indo-China Agreement near

TOKYO, Feb. 25.—(Tuesday) — (AP)—Koh Sihii, spokesman of the cabinet information bureau, announced today that an agreement was "near at hand" in the Japanese mediation of the conflict between Thailand and French Indo-China.

He gave no details of the proposals under consideration or the sort of settlement expected, but deplored newspaper reports from Saigon to the effect that fighting might be resumed. In view of the continuing peace negotiations and yesterday's 10-day extension of the armistice to March 7, these reports obviously exaggerated the situation, he said.

Extension of the truce, the second since it was signed, Jan. 31, aboard a Japanese cruiser off Saigon, Indo-China, was said to have been suggested by the Japanese because of "some points requiring further consultation."

(Predictions that fighting ultimately would be resumed emanated from official sources in Saigon. They said Japan is likely to make a renewed effort to arrange a settlement "since failure would be an irretrievable loss of face for a country pretending to occupy a dominant position in the western Pacific," but that it was "virtually hopeless.")

U. S. moves to Speed production In defence work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP) — The United States government placed aluminum producers and machine tool builders on a mandatory priority basis today in the first such industry-wide action to be taken under the national defence program.

E. R. Stettinius Jr., director of the Priorities Division of the office of Production Management, described the action as "broad and sweeping." He added that it was necessary "to speed up" the national defence program.

The order that preference ratings must be given all defence orders was issued in letters to the aluminum producers and machine tool makers.

The order expires May 31, 1941, by which time Stettinius said he hoped the situation would have eased.

TORONTO, Feb. 24—(CP)—Maximum and minimum temperatures:

Dawson	4	4
Victoria	32	40
Edmonton	28B	2
Regina	16B	1
Winnipeg	14B	3
Toronto	14	30
Ottawa	2	21
Montreal	10	22
Quebec	12	25
Saint John	29	33
Halifax	23	31
Charlottetown	19	29

FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh winds; partly cloudy with scattered snow flurries; not much change in temperature.

Synopsis: The weather has been mostly fair with moderate temperature in Ontario and cold in the Western Provinces with light snow in some sections of Alberta.

High tide this morning at 10.48 and tonight at 10.35.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.41 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.45.

New moon Feb. 25, 11.02 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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