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## ENEMY BREAKS THROUGH ITALIAN PASS IN GREECE

### British View Libyan Situation With More Hope

Axis drive appears petering out at Salum; 22 Axis planes, 15 tanks destroyed.

### Yugoslav Resistance Is strong

LONDON, April 15—(CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation tonight quoted Ankara radio as saying that the extent of Yugoslav resistance is shown by the fact that German armies operating in the Balkans have been increased from 35 divisions to more than 60. The broadcast added that counter-attacks had been made by Yugoslavs in "various parts of the country."

### Rome reports Double Italian Offensive opens

ROME, April 15—(AP)—A double Italian offensive attempting to recapture Albania and subdue Greece, took shape tonight, with Fascist pressure toward Argirocastro, on the southern front, matching the drive in the northern sector which is said to have begun in the morning.

### Claim Nazis Ready to drive On Gibraltar

Dispatches from the war correspondent of the newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia claimed that the new Fascist offensive in the direction of Argirocastro was based on Berat, above Tepeleni, which an Italian newspaper also has managed to capture. The northern Italian drive is aimed at Kastoria, across the Greek frontier, for a junction with the German troops who are smashing down from Yugoslavia through a gap in the western flank of the main British-Greek line.

### U. S. plans new Moves under Lease-Lend program

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—British and United States government officials are considering establishing a huge trans-shipment centre in the Narragansett Bay area for munitions and supplies for Great Britain, it was disclosed today.

### Mexican City In Ruins After Severe Quake

Large casualty list in prospect; Heavy property damage.

### R.A.F. Pilot hits Munitions train

ATHENS, April 15—(AP)—A Royal Air Force sergeant pilot who took part in the raid on the Sofia-Bulgaria railroad yards today told of a direct hit on a munitions train.

### Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.  
\*Leading hogs at Albany every Thursday afternoon, Friday at Emerald 10 P. M. till 1 P. M. Arthur Green Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.  
\*Concert and "Share the Wealth" by York Y. P. U. Parkdale School, April 18th, eight o'clock. Admission 25 cents. L-791-4-16-21.  
\*Sale of jam, jellies and pickles by Ladies Aid of P. E. Island Hospital, Charlottetown, Saturday afternoon, April 19. L-803-4-16-31.  
\*Leading Hogs Thursday, April 17th Kensington till 3 P. M. Summerside 10 P. M. till 1 P. M. Summerside. Breadbaker Thursday afternoon, Reagh Bagnall and Mervyn Bulman, Hunter River, Friday till noon. MacEwen and Campbell. L-775-4-16-11.

### City Council Transacts Routine business

"Something should be done and must be done very soon in the matter of city unemployment," His Worship Mayor Holman told members of the City Council last night in the course of the regular monthly meeting held in the Council chamber.

His Worship's remarks came near the close of the meeting at which a final council board was presented. A great deal of comment had been heard regarding unemployment. His Worship stated and in this connection he reported to the Council that he had contacted the manager of Bruce Stewart & Co. Ltd., yesterday and as a result could report progress to the meeting with something more definite to be heard on this matter very shortly.

His Worship concluded his remarks by stating that he thought all should do everything they could in obtaining employment for those at present unemployed.

Routine business occupied the attention of the meeting in the matter of bills Councillor R. C. Chandra stated that \$8,074.39 had been paid out during the month; a sum of \$8,114.46 in unpaid bills was yet to be paid. In the matter of relief bills \$461.00 had been paid out with a balance to be paid of \$461.64.

In the absence of Dr. Keeping, the health officer's report was read by City Clerk, James A. Fullerton.

A letter of appreciation was read from Councillor Dr. F. C. Dougan re Council's kindness during his recent bereavement; also a letter of appreciation.

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### Armistice talk Only propaganda?

BUDAPEST, April 15—(AP)—A report that Yugoslavia has requested an armistice of Germany came from Hungarian quarters here today but nothing was published to that effect.

(Shortly before this dispatch was received, military and diplomatic sources in Berlin denied knowledge of such a request, although first reports of it were attributed to German sources.)

(In London, informed Britons termed the report "a typical bit of Goebbels propaganda.")

Hungarian government circles said they had "confidential information" that Yugoslavia made the peace bid today.

### War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

APRIL 16, 1916—Advancing on the Black coast, Russian troops forced passage of the Kara Bore east of Trebizond, Italians prepared for offensive in the Gaidaria and Sogana valleys against the city of Trent.

MEXICO CITY, April 15—(AP)—The city of Colima was reported half in ruins tonight with prospects of a large casualty list as the result of an earthquake that shook the south half of Mexico today and inflicted damage estimated at \$1,000,000 in fires and other destruction here in the capital.

Destruction in Colima, about 375 miles southwest of Mexico City, was reported to the government press office in wireless messages saying many of its 15,000 inhabitants were injured.

These reports coming from the Colima state military garrison, said it was afraid numerous victims were dead in the ruins.

President Avila Camacho immediately ordered military and civilian aid to be sent to Colima with medical supplies and doctors.

The forests around Colima were reported burning and a dam at the city's water plant collapsed.

Colima was in darkness, the radio dispatches said.

Troops have been rushed from some headquarters in the Pacific port of Manzanillo to reinforce Colima police.

The reports indicated fires were spreading through the ruined buildings of the city despite the efforts of.

### One Killed As Schooner Topples During Launching

SHELBURNE, N.S., April 15.—(CP)—One person was killed and several injured when a fishing schooner toppled from her cradle during launching ceremonies here today.

Vanetta Atkins, 13-year-old Shelburne girl, died of a fractured skull while being taken to hospital at Bridgewater in an ambulance. She was struck by a falling eight-inch timber upright.

The 132-ft. banker had just begun to move on the skidways when she crunched through her cradle and toppled on her side. More than half a dozen of the 100 persons who lined her decks were tossed over her side into the water, as scores clung to the rail after sliding down the angled deck.

Terror-stricken spectators and workmen scrambled for safety as the vessel fell. A sand bank prevented her from falling further and crushing several persons.

Edward Johnson, 19, plunged fully clothed into the water between the schooner and what is reported to be a five-year-old Terry Young. The child was one of those thrown over the rail when the vessel fell.

Many other persons suffered minor cuts and bruises.

The vessel had been christened Eileen C. Macdonald, by Senator William Keating of Lunenburg, just before the accident. She was built as an addition to the Lunenburg fishing fleet.

Boss builder James Harding said he believed the large number of persons aboard during the launching may have caused the accident.

He said they rushed to the rail as she started to slide down the ways, possibly unbalancing her and causing her to spread the cradle and break through.

Capt. Edwin Cleveland and Senator Duff, both shareholders in the vessel, were among the large crowd which watched the mishap.

### Federal Gov't To continue Lobster plan

OTTAWA, April 15—(CP)—Fisheries Minister Alexander said tonight continued federal participation in marketing of lobster canner products during 1941 has been made necessary by wartime restrictions on sales of canned lobster in European markets.

Mr. McLeod's statement said the restrictions imposed last year were still operative and that the lobster canning industry would be in a "position of very serious difficulty" unless a special effort is made to develop North American business.

Dr. D. B. Finn, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, again will act as controller for canned lobster under this year's plan. He is empowered to buy up to 30,000 cases of 1941 canned lobster at prices ranging between \$15 and \$20. Last year prices paid ranged from \$16 for standard to \$18 for choice.

Mr. McLeod said the price to be paid for the lobster would depend on an examination of the product by the controller or his officers, although final grading would not be completed until the purchase agreement had been made.

"All canned lobster which the controller puts on the market, however, will be thoroughly inspected and graded in accordance with definite standards scientifically established before it is offered to consumers," the Minister said.

Purchase prices quoted to canners will be on the basis of 48-pound cases delivered at the controller's warehouse, per No. 2, Halifax. Seventy-five per cent of the price will be payable after the product has been accepted by the controller and the remaining 25 per cent following a second examination 60 days after acceptance of the product.

Mr. McLeod said last year's control had a "stabilizing effect" on the industry and that plans now were in operation which otherwise would have closed. This control also showed the possibility of developing satisfactory markets in Canada and the United States.

"There now is good reason," he said, "to believe that, with properly directed effort, markets can be built up on this continent which will take care of our probable annual production."

### Many German Planes over Britain

LONDON, April 16—(Wednesday)—(CP)—German bombs crashed in one London district early today, trapping several persons in wreckage and causing some casualties.

### Axis will not Win war by Balkan successes

(B. J. F. Sanderson) (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, April 15—(CP)—German and Italian successes in the Balkans and North Africa, although extensive and unwelcome, will never win the war for the Axis powers, Viscount Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, declared here tonight.

The former British Foreign Secretary counselled the English-speaking union at a dinner, to look at large-scale maps and take long-range views when assessing the day-to-day developments in the war zones.

The result of the Balkan and North African campaigns has been to force Hitler "to send his legions into fields in which, whatever success he may win, he cannot achieve that success against Great Britain which alone can win the war."

He said nothing could be gained "by underrating the grave repercussions caused by the events of the last few days in the Balkans and North Africa."

"Let us look at them straight for what they are—black spots in the picture of the war and, having done that, take a general view of the whole situation."

The Ambassador said that men and machines are being rushed to the Middle East to take the place of the army of the Nile transferred to the Balkans to help Greece and Yugoslavia and there was no reason to suppose the position in Egypt would not be held.

Lord Halifax said Britain knew of the outbreak of war it would be at least two years before full strength could be gathered together.

Hitler's Worry

"Hitler is now faced," Lord Halifax declared, "by the spectacle, in the Middle East, of a growing productive strength of the United States and the British Commonwealth, reflected in the increasing military resources that are being steadily marshalled against him."

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### New raids on Nazi Battleships

LONDON, April 15—(CP)—The Admiralty today announced new bomb hits on or near Germany's two 36,000-ton battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst berthed at Brest, and the destruction of three Nazi aircraft with the loss of one British plane.

The two German battleships lying in the much-bombarded French port were targets of the Royal Air Force last night in their offensive against the "invulnerable" ports. Brest was attacked for four hours during which hundreds of bombs were dropped on the docks, but owing to poor visibility it was not ascertained whether or not the battleships were actually hit.

Power stations at Haarlem and Lelidam, in the Netherlands, were bombed. British aircraft bombed and machine-gunned a convoy of Nazi supply ships with an escort of German destroyers. Patrol vessels which were sighted and attacked off the Netherlands coast Monday, it was announced.

While visibility was poor during this operation, it was seen that one supply ship of about 4,000 tons was hit and "left with clouds of steam escaping."

### Announce Loss of new British Cruiser

LONDON, April 15—(CP)—The Admiralty announced tonight the loss of one of Britain's newest cruisers and destruction of a 10,000-ton enemy tanker bound for a Nazi-occupied port in France.

The 5,450-ton cruiser Bonaventure, completed in the 1939-40 program, was struck by a torpedo while on convoy duty and subsequently sunk, the Admiralty said.

The date, location and number of casualties were not disclosed. The cruiser was commanded by Capt. H. J. Ebertson, a navigation specialist, grandson of the first Lord Brassey and husband of a sister of Mrs. Anthony Eden, wife of the Foreign Secretary.

The submarine Tigris, under Lt. Omdr. H. F. Bone, came upon the 10,000-ton tanker bound for a port in enemy-occupied France and sank her, the Admiralty said.

### Allied Line On Right Holds As Nazis Hit Hard

Left and center reported breached; Greeks faced with threat from Italians.

By Edward Kennedy (Associated Press Staff Writer)

ATHENS, April 16—(AP)—German troops smashing deep into the Allied left and centre on the northern Greek front, reached the western outlet of Statia Pass today, a Greek government spokesman announced tonight.

The pass, which is at the town of that name some 50 miles within Greece, provides an opening in a 6,000-foot mountain range beyond which lies a stretch of considerably easier country.

In earlier operations, it was added, the Nazis had occupied the Vlach-Kilistra Pass, which lies some 20 miles to the north of Statia.

Nazi forces, which had pierced the apex of the Allied line in the region of Philippi, had been reported striking at the town of Kozane and Statia, although earlier Greek advice said the Nazis were being heavily assailed by machine-gun and artillery fire from Greeks entrenched in the mountains and that the advance had been all but halted.

The Greek command said "ordered movements of our troops toward new positions" were carried out in Western Macedonia, that local Italian offensives in Albania were thrown back with serious losses, and that 10 enemy planes were shot down during the day.

The Greek spokesman said four officers and 100 men were captured by the Greeks following the German-Italian operations in northern Greece and in Albania.

He said the Italians were repulsed in attacks north of the Aoois river and at two points south of the river.

British and Imperial troops holding a re-formed line on the Allied right were said to have thrown back repeated lunges by Nazi mechanized forces.

Reports from the front indicated that the Germans—struggling heavily with their steel machines in the marsh and rugged terrain and fighting almost due east of the battlefield of the Pindus Mountains where the Greeks cut Italian units to pieces last November—were suffering heavy casualties.

The Greeks appeared threatened also by a southward Italian advance which forced a Greek with-

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### 10,000 miners Strike in Cape Breton area

GLACE BAY, N. S., April 16—(CP)—Delegates from 13 locals of the United Mine Workers of America voted at a meeting late today to suspend operations in 12 Cape Breton collieries at midnight in protest against their district executive's reported acceptance of the report of a wage arbitration board.

About 10,000 men would be affected by the strike, which is being operated by Dominion Coal Company and the other two by the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.

Two of the pits, Dominion Coal's nos. 12 and 16 at New Waterford, were idle today. Without

a strike having been called formally, the working forces failed to report, apparently in protest against the wage report acceptance.

Three thousand men were idle. The 47 delegates to today's convention called by union men in the Glace Bay, New Waterford and North Cape Breton sub-districts of U. M. W. district 25 demanded the district executive submit the question of acceptance of the report to a referendum of the membership.

The executive did not sponsor the convention. District President D. W. Morrison said last night that under the union constitution, a sub-district could not be called only by the board member for the district concerned. This had not been done, he said.

President Morrison was not

### Vichy implicated In moving Nazis To North Africa?

LONDON, April 15—(CP CABLE)—The possibility that Vichy was implicated in the German success in transferring mechanized divisions to North Africa was hinted by two London newspapers today.

The Star, posing the question "How have the Nazis managed to get divisions across the Mediterranean?" said it was suggested in some quarters that the transports used by French territorial forces off Tunisia.

"If the French authorities were implicated, we should know," the paper said.

The Daily Mail remarked that the dangers of the sea journey from Sicily would have been much reduced if the German convoys were able to hug the Tunisian coast.

"Have the Germans been successful in Cienfuegos with the connivance of Admiral Darlan (Minister of the Vichy government)?" the paper asked.

### Manion in England

LONDON, April 15—(CP)—Hon. R. J. Manion, former Canadian Conservative leader, in England to survey Canadian auxiliary war services, spent a whirlwind day today meeting military authorities and renewing acquaintances.

### Col. J. L. Ralston Arrives on Visit To This Province

Defence Minister will present Wings to graduates at Summerside School today.

Col. J. L. Ralston, minister of defence, taking advantage of the Easter recess of Parliament arrived at Summerside last night in the course of a tour of inspection of Maritime defence establishments. He arrived by plane late in the day and was the dinner guest of officers of the Royal Canadian Air Force at the Summerside airport.

Others present included Premier Thane A. Campbell, Mayor J. E. Campbell, Summerside, E. P. Foley, M.L.A., and B. W. Robinson, M.L.A.

The defence minister faces a busy day today which will be highlighted by the presentation of wings to the first class of graduates from the Service Flying Training School at Summerside. Prior to the ceremony Col. Ralston will inspect the air field and the men in training.

Present at the ceremony, too, will be Wing Commander Hume Wright from the No. 3 Training Command at Montreal. He arrived

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Rides 'freight' To enlist

MONTREAL, April 15—(CP)—Charles Bracy, Clitham, N. B., arrived in Montreal tonight, by freight, and immediately applied for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Engineers. He was a hot meal today and now awaits results of his X-ray.

Bracy, 30, made the journey from his home town in three days, riding in a box-car, to take the final steps toward realizing his ambition of army life. Without food for 24 hours, he was given a hot meal immediately after telling his story.

Holder of a "resolution of tribute for rescue work" given by the Nova Scotia Legislature for his work in connection with the Moose River mine disaster in 1936, Bracy formerly worked as a lumberman along the Miramichi River.

### People Who BRAG ABOUT THEIR ANCESTORS USUALLY HAVE LITTLE ELSE TO BRAG ABOUT

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, April 15—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	44	54
Victoria	38	55
Edmonton	38	55
Regina	39	55
Winnipeg	39	59
Toronto	54	73
Ottawa	54	73
Montreal	35	73
Quebec	35	69
Saint John	39	43
Halifax	39	57
Charlottetown	33	46

Maritime Provinces: Fresh or strong winds; mostly cloudy with scattered showers; not much change in temperature.—

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and warm in southern Ontario but cooler in northern districts with light rain or snow. It has been cooler today in Alberta with light showers in many districts but fair and milder in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

High tide this afternoon at 1:30 and tomorrow morning at 3:05. Sun sets this evening at 8:46 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:14.

Last quarter moon, April 18, 9:03 a.m. Summer time eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

### CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 5 P.M., daily except Sunday.

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