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to the weakness of your charity.

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NAZIS LAUNCH BIG COUNTER-DRIVE

Ferry Makes Better Time Last Night

The conditions in Northumberland Strait between Borden and Tormentine improved somewhat yesterday and traffic began to resume more normal schedule.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the ferry arrived at Borden, commencing a round trip which began Thursday morning. Part of the delay was at Tormentine while some repairs were made to the ship. The crossing from the mainland occupied about 12 hours. About five hours of that time the boat was battling heavy ice within a mile or two of the mainland in a return crossing made to the mainland in an hour and a half and the trip back to this side in about two hours, the ferry docking at Borden at 10:38 and the train arriving in Charlottetown shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

Officials said the boat would not attempt another crossing until the regular passenger trip this morning.

Meanwhile, freight was beginning to pile up at Tormentine but the number of cars on the track there was not learned.

Senate Adjourns Until March 7

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Debate on the throne speech was concluded in the Senate today and the upper house adjourned without a recorded vote until March 7.

Mr. King's speech was the first in the series of speeches on the throne speech. The government's program was outlined in the speech.

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COMING EVENTS

- Horse racing New Glasgow River Saturday, Feb. 10. 2-4-21
- Harris, East Royals rink to-night. 2-4-11
- Finished unloading bulk wheat at Emerald. Hugh Campbell. 2-4-11
- To arrive, bulk wheat, bulk oil, bulk barley, Book now, McQueen and Sons. 2-4-11
- Misses' Beadly Shoppe closed from 10 to 11 for remodeling and decorating. 2-3-17-21
- Leap Year dance in Emerald Hall, Friday night, February 2-4-11-21
- Spring Fash. Y. I. Rummage Sale, Feb. 7, P. M., at Mrs. Kennedy's, Show Room, Kent St. 2-5-17.
- Unloading car No. 1 bulk barley Friday and Saturday. McQueen and Sons. 2-4-21
- Receive Feb. 24th, and 26th, Baptist Young People's Union play "Oh, Promise Me." 2, 1, 5, 12, at 8 P. M. 2-4-11
- Valentine Dance in Mirvalde School, Friday, February 11th. 2-4-11
- Leading Hogs for Davis & Sons at Bayview, Monday, February 7th. Murray Taylor, Tuesday, February 8th. J. J. Hook. 2-4-11
- Pantry Sale, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Central Christian Church. 2-4-11
- Leading Hogs for York Station Tuesday morning, February 8th, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the York Station. 2-4-11
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- Quantity No. 4 lead wheat at Murray's Mill, Bourke, Brimley, and Mackenzie. Please book order to C. O. Green, Esq., 2-4-11
- Marketing Board leading hog at Summerside every Tuesday 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. and Wednesday each Tuesday 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. Please book order to J. T. Kitchener, Summerside. 2-4-11

REDS CLOSE STEEL RING ON NAZIS

Yanks In New Challenge To Japanese Sea Power

PEARL HARBOR, T.H., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, has issued a proclamation to the people of the Marshall Islands establishing a military government and "suspending the powers of the Emperor of Japan in the occupied areas." Fleet Headquarters announced today.

United States warships, meanwhile, are riding safely anchor in the Lagoon of Kwajalein Atoll of the Western Marshalls, representing a new challenge to Japanese sea and air power. Following the Central Pacific offensive, launched last week-end, amphibious forces have new footholds in the islands.

The Emperor's island defenses in the Carolines, including Truk, a powerful Japanese bastion.

Urge Statement On Resignation Of McNaughton

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Two opposition-party leaders in the Commons today urged Prime Minister Mackenzie King to make an immediate statement on the resignation of Lt.-Gen. A. C. L. McNaughton as Canadian army commander overseas, but the government will say nothing until next week at the earliest.

On orders of the day, Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House leader, said yesterday in a speech that the resignation of McNaughton was a "serious matter" and that the government should make a statement on it.

Mr. King replied that the most appropriate time for a reply to a question of army affairs would be when the House was debating the bill, the first item after the throne speech debate ends.

Mr. Graydon said he was "amazed" at the position taken by the Prime Minister. The government had said Gen. McNaughton was the overseas army commander because of ill-health but the General had been saying he was all right. The government should explain this immediately.

Mr. Graydon said a debate could not take place on orders of the day, but M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said he would like to see Mr. Graydon in asking an immediate statement.

Four members participated in the debate. Mr. Graydon (P.C.-New Brunswick) expressed concern over the cost of the proposed social security program outlined in the throne speech while J. J. Duffus (Ontario) endorsed the program as an important forward step.

Optimistic Speech By Navy Minister

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—(CP)—Hon. Angus Macdonald, Minister of Naval Services, said in an address today that "every ship in an allied convoy in the Atlantic now has an almost 100 per cent chance of getting through safely." He compared to a year ago the drop in the effectiveness of U-boat attacks.

He spoke for the opening of an exhibition of paintings in aid of allied merchant seamen, the Minister said. "Due to complete co-operation between the naval and air forces of Britain, the United States and Canada, the Germans are pretty well whipped on the Atlantic."

He also remarked that nobody can predict when the war will end, "but I believe there is a good possibility of the war against Germany will end this year."

The Royal Canadian Navy is not recruiting at the moment but will be recruiting at full speed again. "We are having no trouble getting recruits for a few mechanical trades," he added. "Canadian youths are still anxious to serve in the Navy."

R. C. Social Workers Meet

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(CP)—A four day meeting of Roman Catholic social workers from all parts of Canada was opened here today by Most Rev. J. C. McQuiggin, Archbishop of Toronto, who welcomed the approximately 150 delegates at a luncheon which preceded the opening of two round table conferences.

Two subjects are being discussed at the meeting, called by the Bishops' committee for social questions: industrial and wage questions, and rural life and co-operation.

Mr. Justice C. P. McTague, chairman of the National War Labor Board, is head of the conference on industrial relations while P. M. Dewann former Ontario Minister of Agriculture, will head the conference on rural life and co-operation.

Meetings will continue until Monday with Most Rev. Francis J. Haas bishop of Grand Rapids Diocese in Michigan, speaking at public meetings in connection with the conference Monday night.

Bishop Haas has long been active in labor affairs in the United States.

Is Missing



SGT. HARRY CHARLES CLAY, a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force is missing, his mother, Mrs. Mae Clay of Montague has been informed. According to information received by his mother, Sgt. Clay failed to return from his first operational flight.

The young man enlisted with the R.C.A.F. shortly after the outbreak of war, just after he finished school. He was with a ground crew at first but later re-mustered for air crew. He graduated as an air gunner from No. 8 Bombing and Gunnery School at Mont Joli, Quebec, and went overseas in July last year.

Just before Sgt. Clay went overseas he was married to a former member of the R.C.A.F. who is now residing in the United States at the time. Mrs. Clay arrived home Thursday night. In addition to his mother, a younger sister, Miss Edith Clay is at Montague. His father, Cassius Clay, is dead.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Nazi reports that the 5th army beachhead at Nettuno south of Rome has been "encircled" can be discounted, but there is ample evidence from the scene that the operation has reached a critical stage.

For the moment, at least, that bold Allied flanking maneuver aimed at cutting in between Rome and the main battle line in Italy to the south appeared to be stopped. It could not be encircled, with Allied naval forces of tremendous power at its back, but it could be boxed into its beachhead roughly 14 miles wide and eight miles deep. That seems to be what the Berlin "encirclement" claim really means.

The Allied force, now said to include six divisions and unquestionably supplied with all types of armor and guns, must do more than hold that beachhead. Its goal other than Rome itself was obviously to cut the two main supply routes from Rome southward feeding the Cassino-Minturno end of the Gustave line.

The American forces fought their way to the outskirts of Cisterna on the Appian Way, the ancient highway that runs through the Pontine Marshes, at an early stage of the fight. That is the most dangerous sector for the Germans since Allied capture of Cisterna might also have permitted a quick advance to cut the via Cassilina, the Rome-Cassino highway, less than seven miles further inland.

With sea and air superiority in Allied hands beyond the challenge, the gamble for a quick and decisive flanking operation south of Rome that would unhinge the whole Nazi front and probably force early surrender of Rome itself was well worth the effort.

But the enemy has demonstrated masterly staff abilities and speed in troop deployments under critical conditions to nullify much of the initial advantage gained by the Allies in the surprise maneuver that caught him napping on the Nettuno beachhead.

And meanwhile, a crisis for the Allies is at hand around the Cassino bastion. The German line, in addition to the Liri Valley via the Cassilina highway for an advance on the flank of the ring so swiftly forged by the Germans about the Nettuno-Anzio beachhead.

R. A. F. Bombers Out In Force After Day Raid

By W. W. Hercher

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—R. A. F. heavy bombers, 15 since Sunday night's R. A. F. - R. C. A. F. blow at Berlin, crossed the moonlit Dover Straits tonight in two waves after United States heavy bombers in daylight had attacked the important German industrial and communication centre of Frankfurt and other targets in Western Germany.

The daylight raid, six American major attacks in seven days, cost 21 bombers and one fighter.

The bombers were escorted by United States long range fighters and supported by R. A. F. Dominions and Allied Spitfires and Typhoons, an army headquarters communique announced tonight.

In other operations during the day hundreds of lighter Allied aircraft crossed the channel to continue the pounding of military targets in Northern France.

R. A. F. Mosquitoes, shepherded by fighters, attacked military objectives in Northern France, the Air Ministry announced, and later similar missions were carried out by Typhoon fighter bombers, one of which is missing.

Airmen of the heavy bomber raid said some anti-aircraft fire was of a rocket type which exploded with orange red flashes and then burned 1000 feet through the air.

Among hundreds of pilots on mission during the day was Maj. James Stewart, former film star, who led a heavy bomber squadron without special incident on his sixth mission.

The Germans lashed back at London with a two wave attack by about 70 planes, Thursday night, causing some casualties and starting several fires in London.

Describing the raid, one Londoner said "hundreds came down in streams like liquid fire burning the length of the street like dozens of Roman candles."

Cost Of Living Index Declines

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(CP)—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today the official cost-of-living index declined from 119.3 at Dec. 1, 1943, to 118.7 at Jan. 3, 1944. The index was 117.1 on the corresponding date last year.

"Group indexes for foods and home-furnishings and services were lower than in the previous month while those for fuel and lighting and miscellaneous items advanced," the Bureau said.

Under the government's recent wage control order, the cost-of-living bonus paid to Canadian workers, based on the cost-of-living index, merged with basic wage rates effective in the first payroll period on or after Feb. 15.

When the merging was announced, the government said it would not consider a revision of the new policy until there was a three-per-cent change in the index.

Report SS Guard Rushed To Berlin

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Regiments of the Nazi SS (Hitler) Guard have been rushed to Berlin as the result of thousands of leaflets being circulated among soldiers of the independent union revolt against the Hitler Regime, the newspaper Aftonbladet said today in quoting a private report from the German capital.

The newspaper report, which was considered here with reserve, did not say where the pamphlets originated.

Germans Fail To Rescue 10 Lost Divisions

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The red army squeezing tighter its steel cordon around 10 trapped Nazi divisions in the Ukraine, killed 2,800 more Germans fighting to escape and has pounded back German rescue attempts from the outside, wrecking 49 big tankers, transport planes and 38 Nazi tanks, Moscow announced tonight.

In the north Soviet troops have cleared the 110-mile coast of the Gulf of Finland from Leningrad west to the Narova River mouth in side Estonia. Other forces wiped out the last Germans on the railway from Leningrad to Novgorod, the second north-south line freed since the battle of the north began. Another 2,700 Germans were killed in this fighting, said the Moscow mid-night communique recorded by the Soviet Radio Monitor.

The stiff fighting on the flaming Russian front, however, centred on the contracting circle—now perhaps 40 miles in diameter—between Kanev and Cherkassy where perhaps 100,000 Germans are facing death or surrender.

The Germans outside the circle in one action attempted to send a tank column through the line to their comrades today but Russian artillery and tank destroyers sent them reeling back with a loss of 22 tanks.

German broadcasts, meanwhile, issued pessimistic reports indicating the German army was being driven back in the Ukraine. They reported yesterday upon the White Russian stronghold of Vitebsk was growing in intensity. The Germans limited that Vitebsk might soon be yielded.

The German agency Transocean said the Germans again has become one of the focal points of big battle on the eastern front. In the central bank of the Moscow—Soviet infantry and tank formations resumed the battle for the Crimea with thrusts against the German defence positions near Perekop.

3 Nazi Blockade Runners Are Sunk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The U.S. Navy reported today that three Nazi blockade runners were sunk in the South Atlantic with cargoes vital to the Axis war machine, three Nazi blockade runners were sunk Feb. 1 and 2 by American warships and were sent to the bottom.

All had sailed from Japanese ports in the Pacific, the navy revealed today, and their holds were loaded with thousands of tons of rubber, tin, fats and strategic ores.

Much of this material was salvaged, particularly hundreds of tons of baled rubber floating in the sea after the runners were sunk.

Many prisoners were taken from the three ships whose names were not disclosed. The destroyed blockade runners were the Burgeland, 7,302-ton Hamburg - American ship built in Hamburg, Germany, in 1928, the Rio Grande, 6,862 tons and the 6,528-ton Weverland, both of German registry.

Two Armed Holdups Staged In New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A few hours after six masked thugs stole a \$30,400 war plant payroll, only to lose more than half of it in six wild flights, two hold up men tonight robbed the Bankers Federal Savings and Loan Association office of \$3,500.

"Come with me and keep quiet," one of the two men told Theodore H. Theban, manager of the Association, as he stepped outside at the close of the day's business.

They ordered him to unlock the office door and then a small safe. They tied with the safe's contents after leaving Theban bound hand and foot. He struggled free about 15 minutes later and sounded an alarm.

In the earlier hold up at the war plant, the six robbers, operating with a machine gun, escaped in an automobile which crashed with another car. More than \$16,000 was found in a package in the wrecked vehicle.

The men still were at large tonight although police threw virtual sleep lines around the huge New York port authority building where five of the men last were seen.

To Collect Books For Men Overseas

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(CP)—A Dominion-wide system of collection, shipment and overseas distribution to ensure a regular and ample supply of magazines and periodicals to members of the armed forces abroad was announced today by War Services Minister LaFlèche.

Donations will be collected, sorted and packed at zone depots established by voluntary organizations in Halifax, Saint John N. B., Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver.

The post office department is co-operating by receiving current magazines at its city branch post offices and forwarding them weekly to the nearest zone magazine depot.

First Four Smashes Have Been Repulsed

Bitter Fighting In Progress Almost Within Sight Of Rome.

By Richard G. Massock

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, Feb. 4.—(AP)—German troops with tanks and planes, have launched their expected heavy counter-offensive against the Anglo-American bridgehead south of Rome, and bitter fighting is in progress within sight of the eternal city's radio towers.

Allied headquarters announced that the first four smashes by the Nazis had been repulsed with heavy losses and that Allied troops proved their positions somewhat west of Rome, and bitter fighting is in progress within sight of the eternal city's radio towers.

The German communique claimed that "major enemy forces" had been encircled within the beachhead and that Allied "relief attacks" were repulsed.

A field dispatch said the battle for Cisterna would "be remembered as one of the bloodiest and most fiercely contested of the whole war."

Daniel de Luce of the Associated Press described the mounting battle as a "furious struggle to wipe out the entire Allied foothold around Anzio."

On the main 5th Army front, 50 miles from the conflict, for the bridgehead, Nazi "suicide squads" entrenched in steel and concrete pillboxes inside the beachhead, they reported yesterday upon the White Russian stronghold of Vitebsk was growing in intensity. The Germans limited that Vitebsk might soon be yielded.

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Using bayonets and hand grenades, American infantry fought from house to house at the edge of the almost encircled town, and tanks pushed their steel snouts from street to street.

Troops fighting through the hills north of Cassino, seeking to close a trap on the Nazi garrison inside the stronghold, told the brunt of these counter blows.

There was vigorous patrolling on the Adriatic end of the line, and British troops of the 8th Army occupied Torricella, south of Orsova and 20 miles inland.

Rommel In Italy

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the master of retreat, was reported here to have been by Hitler to save the situation in Italy. Whatever Nazi leader is in charge, the enemy's obvious determination now is to hold the Cassino front at all costs until Allied forces in the Anzio beachhead can be hurried into the sea.

Despite adverse weather heavy bombers hit the railroad town of Stimigliano, 25 miles north of Rome, while dive bombers struck a Nazi transport on all the main and secondary roads from the lower Cassino heights. The German destroy 10 vehicles and damaged 15 as well.

Veteran Skipper Dies

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 4.—(CP)—Capt. Gordon Beattie, veteran skipper of sailing vessels and steamships, died in hospital today. He was injured when struck by a motor car on the way to work. The man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beattie, Carr's Brook, N. S.

LOVE KNOWS NO LAW EXCEPT THE MOTHER-IN-LAW

High tide this morning at 9:30 and tonight at 10:43. Sun sets this evening at 6:12 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:15. Full moon Feb. 9, 2:59 a.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown - Summerside - Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7:35 a.m. 12:00 noon, 4:30 p.m.
Return Charlottetown 1:10 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5:45 p.m.