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APPS, YANKS IN SEA-AIR BATTLE IN SOLOMONS

New Detachment Of Canadians Reaches Africa

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Little Enemy Resistance Encountered Over French Territory.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

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Will Go Into Front Lines For Experience

Only Officers And Non-Commissioned Officers Included.

LONDON, Feb. 2 (CP) — More than 1,000 Canadian fighter planes carried out offensive sweeps over occupied Europe today and escorted medium bombers in raids on enemy targets at Al-Buville and Burgas, the air ministry announced.

German fighters offered virtually no resistance, returning pilots reported.

A wing of escorting Spitfires circled over a German airbase from which a Heinkel He 111 was seen taxiing about the field, but none came up to fight, the commander said.

"Although we were in the Abbeville-Boulogne area for about 25 minutes, we were not even fired on by a Heinkel," he declared. "Then we took a look at Boulogne harbor, but the Hun didn't put a shot up at us."

Of the few enemy fighters encountered, one Focke-Wulf 190 was shot down. The R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. reported every one of their planes returned safely.

Record Increase In U.S. Arms Output

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — United States arms production rose 14 per cent in December, a record increase, chairman Donald M. Nelson reported today.

The gain in air production alone was 20 per cent and the increase in tanks, artillery and other ground ordnance 25 per cent.

In telling of the 14 per cent increase in November production, Nelson said total December output was nearly five times as great as in the month before the United States entered the war.

For the first time since the United States entered the war, Nelson divided an exact airplane production total, saying that 5,488 planes were delivered to the Army and Navy and this country's allies in December, a gain of 667 over the previous month.

Senator Cote Dies Suddenly

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (CP) — Senator Louis Cote (Prog. Con. Ont.) collapsed in the Union Square Hotel in Ottawa late tonight and died shortly thereafter.

Senator Cote, 52, was in Ottawa for a hearing of the committee on the bill to amend the Criminal Code. He was in Ottawa for a hearing of the committee on the bill to amend the Criminal Code.

End Police To Scene Of Strike

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Coming Events

- Talkies—Montague Saturday, 2-3-31.
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- Dance Graham's Hall, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday 9 P. M., 2-3-11.
- Loading live hogs at Souris Monday all day. Signed Fred McQuiggin, 2-3-11.
- East Royal rink tonight, St. Andrews vs Royals. Skate after, 2-3-11.
- Reserve Thursday, February 4, 3 o'clock. Prince of Wales, 2-2-11.
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- Hunting live hogs at Souris Monday all day. Signed Fred McQuiggin, 2-3-11.
- Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vasey, York, 1-18-11.
- Loading hogs this week. Albany Thursday until 11:30 a.m. G. C. Green and A. C. Green.
- Just arrived mixed car of Hog Grower, Hog Concentrate, Milk Chow, Lay Chow, Feed Wheat, etc. Paving top prices for used white bags. (Signed) Bowman's Store.
- Loading live hogs Thursday, Feb. 4, 3 o'clock. Prince of Wales, 2-2-11.
- Signal, Hunter River, Friday till noon. MacEwan & Campbell, 2-3-11.

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirk L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Despite Prime Minister Churchill's timely attempt to head off optimistic speculation as to the military significance of his surprise flight to Turkey to confer with President Inonu, the event itself has implications that can not be ignored, especially in Berlin.

Turkish willingness to receive Mr. Churchill, fresh from the historic Allied war council at Casablanca, can hardly be construed by the Nazis as anything less than a diplomatic slap in the face.

It carries with it an open warning to Hitler that the Turkish route to a Nazi-Japanese junction in the Indian Ocean is no less barred to him than the Russian, Mediterranean or African routes. Berlin and its uneasy Balkan satellites are on notice more effective than words in the Inonu-Churchill meeting that Turkey will fight rather than grant passage to Axis troops.

Mr. Churchill lost no time in implementing the Casablanca-ratified strategy pattern with that essential assurance.

There is no reason to suppose the United Nations fellowship; but the intimation is plain that the reaffirmed Anglo-Turkish pact of friendship and mutual assistance may one day become more than a political formality.

It contains the seeds of military action which the Inonu-Churchill meeting no doubt helped germinate toward fruition.

The implication of the Churchill-Inonu conference is that the Turks have little fear that Hitler could draft Bulgaria into an attack southward and even less today than three months ago that he could master German or any other Axis forces to move effectively against the Dardanelles barrier to invasion of Turkey.

The Turkish-British rapprochement can hardly fail to heighten Berlin fears of Allied incursions via the Aegean and unmeaning in Bulgaria and Rumania. Given either active or passive Turkish benevolence, Berlin fears of Allied passage to the Black Sea to shorten the southern Russia or bases anywhere in Turkey for air attack on the oil fields of Rumania and Hitler's cup of woe would be overflowing.

That probably is Turkey's strongest safeguard against aggressive Nazi reaction to her attitude receiving Mr. Churchill and his staff. Increasingly so are trends in Russia and Africa swing in Allied favor, Turkey is becoming a greater potential menace to Hitler than Hitler is to Turkey.

Two Hold-Ups In Que. Province

MONTREAL, Feb. 2 (CP) — Two armed bandits held up the Boyce Street Branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale in Suburban Tetreauville today and escaped with about \$3,000 in cash.

Lionel Dubuc, manager of the bank, said he and Gerard Lebel, a clerk, were alone in the building when the men entered. One man kept them covered with his gun while the second scooped cash from the till.

No Draft Deferment Unless Job Essential

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — The Government today warned hundreds of thousands of American workers to expect no further draft deferments "regardless of their number of dependents" unless they find more essential jobs.

It told men in 20 occupations that even though they have five or six children, they must find the important jobs by spring or risk induction. The "non-essential" occupations affected range from bartenders to gardeners and waiters.

The Government also informed 26 kinds of businesses — from curtain makers to tobacco vendors — that their physically-fit male workers from 18 to 38 will soon be doing more vital work — or shouldering arms.

This is "just a beginning," manpower commission chairman Paul McNutt said. The lists will be expanded later. McNutt indicated all dependency deferments will eventually be eliminated.

Balloons Break Loose, Ground Planes

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 2 (CP) — Trans-Canada Air Lines planes on the Lethbridge-Vancouver trip were grounded today while authorities sought a number of barrage balloons which broke loose from their moorings along the west coast and were drifting with the wind.

Last night T.C.A. cancelled its westbound trip to Vancouver and Vancouver was delayed for a time.

Well-Known Moncton Minister Resigns

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 2 (CP) — Resignation of Rev. J. A. Ramsay was accepted with regret at a special congregational meeting of the United Church last night. He is one of the best known clergymen in eastern Canada.

The resignation was announced at the meeting of the church at 7:30 p.m. The resignation was accepted by the congregation.

Lynch Takes Stand In Own Defence

MONTREAL, Feb. 2 (CP) — (CP)—Patrick Lynch, president of general manager of Engine Works and Trading Incorporated, began testifying today on his behalf in the court of King's Bench.

Mr. Lynch testified that he is the only shareholder and the "only one" with an interest in the company, with an interest of four men accused of conspiring to defraud the Federal Government and three companies of \$200,000 in connection with war sub-contracts for the Munitions Department.

Legion President Opposes 'Freezing'

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (CP) — In a letter to Prime Minister Mackenzie King which was made public today, Alex Walker, President of the Canadian Legion, registered objection to the "freezing" of farmers on the land or the exemption of any other class from military service.

"It is our firm conviction that the adoption of any such policy of freezing labor will inevitably result in drying up the sources of reserves so necessary to our army when it goes into action," he wrote.

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 2 (CP)

—W.P. McDonald, meat dealer, was fined \$50 today after he pleaded guilty to charges of violating Prices Board orders by selling pork above ceiling prices and selling beef at wholesale without invoices to buyers.

Destroyers Teamed Up To Sink Sub

LONDON, Feb. 2 (CP Cable) — The Admiralty announced today another success in the relentless campaign against Nazi submarines and its account of how the destroyers Hesperus and Vanessa discovered a would-be convoy raider gave a graphic description of the Royal Navy's effectiveness.

The Vanessa sighted the sub and depth charges sent it to the surface. The Hesperus shelled it at short range. Then the Vanessa rammed it. When the sub tried to escape it, in twilight, it cut it in two.

The Admiralty said the sub was the only one sighted on the voyage which reached Britain early in January.

Debate Is Continued In Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (CP) — New democracy leader Blackmore in the House of Commons today urged application of the social credit technique as a substitute for the Dominion government.

"Vague promises" of social services in the future were being made without any information as to how they were to be fulfilled, he said.

If social credit proposals for or of the Government of Canada were to be studied by the Dominion government, he said.

Post-War Problems Are Emphasized

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (CP) — The importance of the post-war problems which will be faced by Canada was emphasized by two members of the Upper House, Senator F. R. Du Tremblay (Lib. Quebec) and Senator W. Rupert Davies (Lib. Ontario) when they moved and seconded the address in reply to the speech by the Throne in the Senate tonight.

Senator Du Tremblay, publisher of the Montreal newspaper Le Presse, said the Upper House will be increasing its importance through its opportunity to act as a moderating influence and as a check to the executive.

DEATH DUE TO FLOOD

MONTREAL, Feb. 2 (CP) — A coroner's jury today decided that the death of Mrs. Victor Chambliss, 78-year-old invalid, was due to a heart attack following severe shock and exposure. Mrs. Chambliss suffered exposure and shock when flood waters, resulting from a street main on East and Clark Street last Sunday, gushed into her apartment. She was rescued and moved to the house of neighbors.

Fighting Ends At Stalingrad

LONDON, Feb. 2 (CP) — The Red Army has smashed completely the 300,000 troops of Adolf Hitler's Axis army, the supply line at Stalingrad, killing more than 100,000 and capturing 91,000 of them, including a Field Marshal and 23 Generals, in the last three weeks.

A special communique recorded here tonight by the Soviet radio monitor told of the triumphant Russian victory which ended a 100-day battle for the city of Stalingrad.

The Russian Red Army divisions for heavier blows 250 miles to the west where the Soviets are pushing into the Ukraine toward Kharkov and surrounding Rostov on the sea of Azov.

List Captured Booty

Aside from the huge territorial strides of the Russians, the destruction of Axis troops and equipment was regarded as even more important in the Allied fight to force Hitler to his knees.

The bulletin said "trophies are still being counted in one of the biggest battles in the history of warfare," but listed the booty as follows:

Fifty-two locomotives; 1,128 rail-cars; 750 trucks; 1,150 tanks; 700 guns; 1,462 mortars; 8,135 machine-guns; 90,000 rifles; 7,369 motorcycles; 450 cars; 230 radio transmitters; three armored trains; 235 ammunition and arms dumps; and a large amount of other equipment.

Both Sides Suffer

Both sides undoubtedly suffered heavily in the long bitter battle of the 60 days of siege cost the German 100,000 men, 1,000 planes and 8,000 tanks.

The Germans had become convinced that Stalingrad's end was near when they first fought their way into its outskirts. Nazi spokesmen kept saying it was only a matter of days. On Sept. 30 Hitler declared the city would be conquered and said "you may rest assured that our men will be able to cut us out from there."

Russia's powerful counterblow was struck Nov. 19.

TELEPHONE EXPERT DIES

TWICKENHAM, Eng. (CP) — Capt. Bertram Sydney Cohen, telephone expert who introduced the telephone system and talking clock to Britain, died recently in this Midlands town.

February Special!
WAR STAMPS .25¢
at your GROCER'S
"SALADA"
TEA

Enemy Makes Another Try To Gain Control

No Details Of Engagements; Presumed Both Sides Suffer Losses.

(By John M. Hightower, Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — The Japanese have launched another major effort to retake the southwestern Solomon Islands, the United States Navy announced tonight, and American forces have engaged them in what may be the greatest sea-air battle of the Pacific to date.

Both sides have suffered some losses, the communiqué said, but information regarding them was withheld.

The official statement described the battle as "a number of sea and air actions" and added that to reveal details at this time "would endanger the success of future operations in this area."

The fact the information about losses was considered sufficiently valuable to withhold was generally considered to be an indication that blows suffered by the American forces was probably greater than would be involved in a few light units.

Ship Repaired Rudder Part To Borden

The damaged rudder part for the ferry Prince Edward Island was back in Borden early this morning and Canadian National Railways officials hoped the boat would operate on regular schedule today.

Bruce Stewart and Company completed repairs to the six-foot steel shaft last night and a special train left Charlottetown with it at 10:18 p.m. It was expected to reach Borden by midnight and it was estimated workmen would have the part replaced in about eight hours.

The big piece of steel would be located inside the ship and in a difficult place to work because of lack of space.

Five Fliers Are Awarded D.F.C.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (CP) — Five Canadian fliers serving overseas were included in a list of decorations announced tonight by D.F.C. Acting Flt. Lt. William Donald Ross, West, Calgary, Alta.

D.F.C.—Flt. Lt. John Harvey Curry, Dallas, Tex.

D.F.C.—Flt. Lt. William Lawrence Chisholm, Kentville, N.S.

D.F.C.—PO. Lorne Edward Kropf, Kitchener, Ont.

D.F.C.—Flt. Lt. Gus Holm has flown on numerous operational sorties. He has all-around skill and courage in the air. He has destroyed at least five enemy aircraft. This officer's invigorating influence and personal example have greatly contributed towards making his flight a formidable fighting unit.

Montreal Water Main Repaired

MONTREAL, Feb. 2 (CP) — A broken 48-inch water main that led to the flood of a square mile of Montreal's East end has been repaired, and water service throughout the district will be resumed by 6:30 a.m. today, engineers said today.

The main burst Sunday and the section has been without an adequate water supply since.

New Perth Man Is Re-Elected

TORONTO, Feb. 2 (CP) — Harry Hays of Calgary was elected president of the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association at the annual meeting here today.

Among the directors are Alex Hamilton, New Perth, P. E. I.; and M. N. Rodrigue, Quebec.

U. S. RATIONING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — The office of Price Administration announced today that rationing of canned and frozen fruits and vegetables and dried fruits will start March 1.

Grocery store sale of these commodities will stop at midnight Feb. 29 and will not be resumed until the ration date. This "freeze" set by officials for the purpose of allowing grocers for the purpose of arranging and mark merchandise, and undertake other preparations for the complicated "point rationing" system.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave, 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown—Summerside—Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.



THE LONGER YOU KEEP A SECRET THE LESS IMPORTANT IT BECOMES

High tide this morning at 10:40 and tonight at 10:01.
Sun sets this evening at 6:00 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:18.
New moon, Feb. 4, 7:29 p.m.
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.