

Heavy Nazi Naval Losses Reported

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Landed Yesterday When Squadron of Destroyers Crashed Into Harbour. Allied Expeditionary Force Said to Have Landed at Tromso. British Said to Have Re-Captured Bergen and to be Shelling Oslo, Now Held by Nazis.

British marines who landed yesterday when a squadron of destroyers crashed the harbour, captured the port of Narvik today, news agency reports stated in London. At the same time an Allied expeditionary force was said to have landed at Tromso, seventy-five miles northeast of Narvik.

Unconfirmed reports have it that the British have recaptured the City of Bergen and that they are today bombing the capital, Oslo, now held by Germans. An ultimatum was given by the British yesterday to the effect that if the port was not surrendered by the Germans in twenty-four hours, British naval guns would begin to shell. The ultimatum was said to be bombed by British Royal Air Force planes last night.

In a proclamation to the people of Norway the government urged that all the people could do to preserve the freedom of the nation, be done. The future might look dark, said the statement, but the government was convinced that if the people went on fighting freedom would be won.

The Norwegian government is said to be either in Hamar or in Elverum. Both these towns have been in German hands and both have been re-captured by the Norwegians.

Past Grand of I.O.O.F. to Exemplify Third Degree

At the regular meeting of Timmins Lodge No. 459 I.O.O.F. next Tuesday evening, April 16th, the Third Degree will be exemplified by the Past Grand of the lodge. Members are requested to attend. Visiting brothers are cordially invited. South Porcupine members are asked to please note.

Porcupine Skating Club Carnival to be Colourful And Outstanding Event

"Springtime Frolic" Friday and Saturday This Week at McIntyre Arena to Feature Brilliant Costumes and Lighting Effects and Notable Skaters. Visiting Artists to Assist on Programme.

An evening of genuine enjoyment is guaranteed to spectators at the Porcupine Skating Club's second annual carnival, "Springtime Frolic," being presented Friday and Saturday of this week at the McIntyre Arena.

With final practices having been run through it looks in every way a first rate show which will be well worth seeing.

The scenery of this, the 1940 show, is brilliant in coloring and well conceived in design. The music has been well selected and has been specially arranged to suit the requirements of the skaters. The costumes are a riot of harmonious colors all blending into a most pleasing picture. Setting off the whole are the marvellous lighting effects produced by batteries of multi-colored lights and movable spots.

Picture all this against stage settings the like of which have never been before seen in the North and you will have some conception of the breathtaking panorama unfolding in front of your eyes.

The perfection of the skating of the featured stars will amaze and thrill you as they go through their manoeuvres at top speed; spinning, whirling, jumping and doing all the tricks in their repertoires.

Shirley Halstead and Michael Kirby, junior pairs champions of Canada, and members of the Toronto Skating Club, are the featured visitors. Their pair number, a really fine display, you will agree is a performance of genuine distinction.

A solo which is sure to win recall again and again is the "Deep Purple" number of Mary Jane Halstead. This artist on blades has all the glide, bounce and grace as well as speed necessary to make this a marvellous exhibition.

The ballet is another eye-opener for the enthusiastic spectators. Done to the lovely "Ravels La Valse," this number has Miss Shirley Halstead as the prima ballerina and is a real treat.

Smart, snappy and very chorusy is the Precision number in which the skaters do their prescribed parts to perfection in a scintillating exhibition. All make plans from time to time so that it is not necessary to miss seeing or doing some specially enjoyable feature. Now is the time to make plans for seeing this carnival, for it is bigger, better, more colorful, gayer, more modern and complete than any, even somewhat similar show, ever before staged in the North Country.

Municipal Board Here May 1

Will Consider Proposed Municipal Capital Expenditures.

The Ontario Municipal Board will sit in Timmins on Wednesday, May 1, at 10 a.m. It will consider proposed capital expenditures for such necessities as sewers, water, sidewalks and other extensions of basic services.

Members of the general public are allowed to attend the sitting and bring forth questions. As is its custom the Board will very likely travel to the scenes of proposed construction and view them.

Chairman of the Board is Mr. R. S. Coulter, K.C. Members are W. P. Near and H. P. Charlton.

Death at Hamilton of Mr. F. J. Wolno's Father

Sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. F. J. Wolno in the death this week of his father at Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Wolno, Sr., had been ill during the winter months, but his death was not expected. He died on Monday night, however, death being due to pneumonia. He is survived by his widow and four sons. Mr. F. J. Wolno left here on Tuesday to attend the funeral which took place yesterday (Wednesday) at Hamilton.

JUNIOR SOLOISTS AT SKATING CARNIVAL



Every item on the remarkable programme of the Porcupine Skating Club's "Springtime Frolic" to be given at the McIntyre Arena tomorrow night and Saturday, is sure to please, but there will be particular attraction in the charming junior skaters, whose grace and skill alike will delight everyone. In the picture are shown Junior soloists—From left to right—Jean Zardozny, Mildred Verbie and Enza Narduzzi.

Vimy Night Observed In Pleasing Way on Tuesday Night by Legion

Keynote of Addresses—That All Ex-Servicemen Should be in the Legion to Help the New Army in This War. Ladies' Auxiliary Adds to Laurels by Catering for the Event. Community Singing, Feature of the Programme

Weather Will Be Unreliable For a Few Days

Four Inches Snow Fell Between 7.30 p.m. Yesterday and 8 a.m. Today.

Weather during the next few days will be very unreliable. To the best knowledge of Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather observer, it will clear later today and the next while will be clear and fairly cold.

Snow fell between 7.30 a.m. on Monday to 11.30 a.m. on the following day to a depth of four inches. Between 7.30 p.m. yesterday and 8 a.m. today another four inches fell.

Allege Forgery of \$25 Cheque

Two Charged With Speeding on Hollinger Flats.

E. J. Thiffault, of Fifth Avenue, was charged with forgery following police investigation yesterday. Thiffault is alleged to have forged the name of Bert Currie on a cheque for \$25.

Eddie Willett, a driver for the Diamond Taxi, was charged with speeding on the Hollinger flats. James Hamilton, 24, Recreation Hotel, Schumacher, also was charged with the same offense.

Would Make This District T. B. Restricted Area

Council to Discuss Matter at Meetings Today and Tomorrow.

One of the questions which will be discussed today at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council and possibly at the formal meeting of whole Council tomorrow is the possibility of making the District of Cochrane a tuberculosis restricted area for cattle.

Procedure would be for the Council to ask the Agricultural Department of the Ontario government to negotiate with the same department in the Federal government to bring this about.

If the district was made a T. B. restricted area it would mean that no cattle which were not T. B. tested might be brought into the district. It also would mean that all cattle in the area would be tuberculin tested by Federal government inspectors.

The district of Cochrane is one of the few counties and districts in the province which has not been made a restricted area.

Regular tests and the imposition of regulations regarding the shipping of cattle into the area have been found to cut down the amount of bovine tuberculosis in an area down to a minute percentage.

Decorated by King

Rev. A. I. Heinonen III at St. Mary's Hospital Here

On account of sudden serious illness of the minister, Rev. A. I. Heinonen, the Y.P.S. of the Timmins Finnish United church took charge of the evening service last Sunday at 7 p.m. Mr. Helge Hongisto, president of the Y.P.S., conducted the service assisted by other members of the Y.P.S.

Next Sunday, April 14th, the Y.P.S. will again be in charge of the regular evening service in the Timmins Finnish United Church at 7 p.m. Mr. Helge Hongisto president of the Y.P.S. will conduct the service assisted by the other fellow-members of the Y.P.S. Mr. Helge Hongisto will also lead the church choir in absence of Rev. Heinonen.

Dr. MacKechnie and Finlayson performed a serious and successful operation on Rev. Heinonen at St. Mary's Hospital last Sunday but they will not allow him to leave the hospital in time for the service next Sunday.

Greatest Naval Battle Since Jutland is Still Raging in the Skagerrak

News Unconfirmed But at Least Seven or Eight More Nazi Ships Said to be Sunk. Latest to Go Down is the Emden. French Premier Says All of German Ships in Skagerrak Have Been "Bottled Up"

Repulse Scapa Flow Air Raid

A major German air force raid on Scapa Flow was driven off by R.A.F. pursuit planes yesterday. Six Heinkel bombers were brought down and three more were so badly damaged that it was doubted that they would reach home.

Wave after wave of German planes came over the base and they were met by murderous anti-aircraft fire. The attack was described as "the most murderous yet" but only one man was killed by the many bombs which were dropped.

Only meagre details were given of air fighting in the North near the Skagerrak, although one German bomber was reported destroyed and two others badly damaged.

Just off the shore of France last night southeast of the Port of Calais, a Royal Air Force pursuit plane drove a German bomber off. The Heinkel bomber was last seen diving into the clouds with a plume of black smoke trailing from her port engine.

The Nazi attack was thought to herald more vicious attacks.

Legion Whist Drive at Hollinger Hall, Friday

A whist drive is announced by the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion to be held in the Hollinger hall, Friday, April 12th. Good prizes will be given for the cards. Proceeds to go to support of Legion work for men overseas.

Observe Fifteenth Anniversary of Arbutus Chapter

Huge Birthday Cake One of Evening's Features.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Arbutus Chapter Eastern Star was celebrated on Tuesday evening at a birthday party which followed the regular meeting of the Chapter at the Masonic hall. Games and contests contributed to the evening's enjoyment, and a special feature was a long distance call from one of the members of the Chapter at New Liskeard, who telephoned to add her good wishes and happy returns to the many which were extended to the Chapter.

A huge birthday cake adorned the luncheon table, where Mrs. Wm. Pritchard and Mrs. R. S. Anderson, District Deputy Grand Matron, poured tea. Mr. Wm. Pritchard, assisted by Mrs. Wm. White, cut the birthday cake, and Mr. Pritchard gave a short congratulatory address.

Present at the birthday party were members of the local branch of the Eastern Star, their friends, and members of the Eastern Star from South Porcupine.

The greatest naval battle since Jutland rages up and down the Norwegian coast today from the waters of the Arctic to the Skagerrak. News emanating from the scene of fighting is mostly unconfirmed.

At least four German warships are known to be sunk. The cruisers Bluecher and Karlsruhe went to the bottom early in the battle. Next to go down was the 5,400 ton German cruiser Emden which was sunk yesterday by a Norwegian mine layer training ship. Built in 1925 the Emden carried a normal complement of 534 men, and travelled at 27 knots. It carried eight 5.9 inch guns, three 3.5 inch guns, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and four torpedo tubes.

Three of four German troop transport ships have been sunk and at least two conveyed into the Swedish port of Marstrand and ships and their crews interned. One of the interned ships was damaged and the other lost its way fleeing the naval battle at the Skagerrak.

One of the German troop ships which was sunk was the Antares, 2,539 tons which sank last night off the west coast of Sweden after striking a mine. Survivors were thirty-four in number.

In Paris today Premier Reynaud told the Senate that all of the German ships in the Skagerrak had been "bottled up." Said he: "A great battle is going on in the North Sea and I am sure the Allied navies will live up to their glorious traditions."

The French government has put the entire French fleet at the disposal of Britain even to the extent of turning over the commands of vessels to British admirals, in the interests of effective joint operation.

British ships and planes are said to be hunting out every German warship and merchantman on the Norwegian coast including some which took shelter in harbours and inlets during recent bad storms.

Winston Churchill, who has spent two sleepless nights in the British admiralty directing naval strategy, spoke in the House this morning. He did not lift the veil on naval operations but commended the Norwegians for the vigorous and prolonged resistance they were making against the Nazis.

Mr. Churchill admitted the loss of only one British warship. The destroyer "Glow Worm" he believed to be lost on Monday. Mr. Churchill said that the vessel must have met superior strength and he could only conclude that she went down with her 145 men.

Advices Police of Charge They Can Lay, They Do

Man Picked up Near Burke's on Wilson Ave. Charge Attempted Break.

"You can't charge me with breaking and entering but only with attempting to do so," said Charles Leroux, 31, who was picked up by police loitering on Wilcox Street off Wilson Avenue last night. Police followed Leroux's suggestion and charged him with the count he suggested.

Two police officers were patrolling in a squad car. They passed Burke's Wilson Avenue store and saw Leroux loitering in the shadows by the side, on Wilcox Street. The officers circled the block and picked the man up as he was walking away from the building.

As the officers took hold of Leroux he dropped something he had been holding in his hand. It was a long piece of ice about five inches thick. Police, believing that he had been going to use it to break the window in the store, asked him to come along with them to the police station.

Report That Member for Temiskaming Given T.N.O. Post

W. G. Nixon Said to be New Industrial Commissioner.

Reports from Toronto are to the effect that W. G. Nixon, Liberal member for Temiskaming in the Ontario Legislature, will be appointed Industrial Commissioner for the T. & N. O. with particular supervision over the proposed development of the Northern lignite fields.

The appointment of Mr. Nixon to such a post would have popular approval.

15 Nazi Warships Are Down

At least fifteen Nazi war vessels are known to be either destroyed or incapacitated by heavy damage. Latest of these is the Emden. This may be compared to the British casualty count of four war vessels.

The German toll includes six destroyers, one battleship and the remainder cruisers. All four of the British vessels were cruisers.

In addition German troop ships are scattered all over the North Sea and three or four, at least, have been sunk with heavy loss of life.

The battle still rages and hourly reports are coming through. To date, however, all are unconfirmed.

Scarlet and Blue



This is Sapper E. Brown wearing the dress hat with which the 1st Division are equipped in England. Ever since he was invalided home with an injured arm people have been stopping him on the street to ask which unit it is that wears the smart scarlet and navy blue cap.