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## BRTAIN UNDER VIRTUAL WAR DICTATORSHIP

### GOVERNMENT CONTROL DURING THE CRISIS

LONDON, May 22 - Prime Minister Winston Churchill became a virtual dictator of Britain to-day as the newly-formed British Cabinet voted to place Britain under Government Control during the present grave crisis. As a result of this latest move the Government is empowered to take over control of practically everything in the nation.

### NEW ALLIED GENERAL LAUNCHES TERRIFIC COUNTER - ATTACK.

PARIS, May 20 - A counter offensive, ordered by General Maxime Weygand, new commander-in-chief of the Allied armies, forced German tank columns driving southwestward toward Paris to abandon their advance to-day, military authorities here announced.

The Germans abandoned their drive in the face of the French counter-offensive, fear that the British forces retreating in western Belgium might wheel and attack their right flank and powerful French pressure on their left flank.

The Germans swung their main offensive toward the northwest despite terrible losses suffered by five of their mechanized divisions which were attacked ferociously in the Saint Quentin region.

Force of the Allied counter attack has led to the recapture of strategic key cities gained by the Germans in their initial drive through the northern extension of the Maginot Line.

The new allied commander announced on Saturday that Allied troops would have the gap filled within forty eight hours.

Weygand ordered the counter offensive against the German bulge on the northern French plains, it was learned. The immediate result was to bring a halt to the German drive on Paris although their swing northwestward toward the channel ports brought the threat of war closer to Britain.

Despatches here said the fighting had lost none of its ferocity. The French 75's, brought into action against the German tanks for the first time last Friday, were wreaking havoc with the wedge-shaped German tank columns.

BASLE, Switzerland, May 20 - French heavy artillery reportedly bombarded the German fortifications at Istein on the Rhine railway near the Swiss frontier Sunday, May 19.

## RUMORED FIRE BUG ACTIVE DAWSON

DAWSON, Y. T. Friday, May 24 - The building housing the offices and plant of the historic old Dawson News Publishing Company was the scene Thursday night of the latest outbreak of fires which have caused heavy damage to historic old Dawson landmarks this week. In addition to the Dawson News plant the jewelry store and premises of H. Peters, veteran Dawson jeweller, were razed by fire the same night.

The most serious fire occurred Wednesday night when the M&N corner, the Yukonia Hotel, the Orpheum Theatre, Jimmy's Place, the store of Ernest Schink, the Fashion Shop and part of the Arcade Cafe burned. It is believed the fire started in the Theatre Building, owned and operated by Harry Gleaves who is also proprietor of the Arcade Cafe. From reports at hand the fire was halted at the Arcade Cafe on front street and at the Rochester Hotel, situated across the narrow lane as one turns the block.

It is rumored that a fire bug has been responsible for the sudden splurge of fires. Evidence, so it is alleged, was found in the Peters' jewelry store where a hole had been cut through the building, that would indicate the fire there to have been caused by a fire bug. It is also reported that evidence has also been found under the old postoffice building which, apparently, was also to have been the scene of another conflagration.

Razing of the M&N block, the Yukonia Hotel and adjacent property, runs into thousands of dollars damage and comes as a severe blow to the owners. Especially to J. A. Segbers, owner of the Yukonia Hotel who was burnt out only a little over a year ago. The Dawson News plant was not damaged, apparently, so badly that it had to discontinue publication. A brief message from Harold Malstrom, Manager of the Dawson News, states that "plant was undamaged. Going strong."



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## ENJOYABLE TIME AT TENNIS CLUB CARD PARTY AND DANCE.

Tournament Winners  
Presented with  
Prizes.

Pioneer Hall was the scene of an enjoyable card party and dance Friday night, sponsored by the Mayo Tennis Club. The dance and card party brought to a successful conclusion the Club's recent tournament. Although there was not an unusually large turnout, all who took in the affair enjoyed it thoroughly.

Quite a few visitors were in from Galena for the holiday dance occasion.

The bridge winners were: Ladies first prize - Mrs. F. A. Whitney. Gentleman's 1st. prize - Joe Longtin. The first prize for pan was won by Mrs. C. A. Boerner.

At midnight prizes were presented to G.R. Bidlake and Miss Hilma Miller, winner's of the tournament. These prizes were Yukon Souvenir spoons.

Refreshments were served on the stage under the able management of the lady members of the Tennis Club and willing helpers.

One of the other highlights of the dance was the drawing of the lucky ticket entitling the holder to free playing fees for the summer. Fred Marshall was the lucky winner & the ticket was drawn by Miss Hilma Miller.

Music for the dance was supplied by Miss Dorothy Durie, Bill Thomey and Pete Petiot. Dancing got under way right after the card games were over and continued until 1 a. m.

The holiday dance was a fitting climax to the Club's tournament which was wound up Thursday night. Each couple played a series of eight games, the total points deciding the winners. Many exciting games were played during the course of the tournament and a great deal of interest taken in the affair. The tournament did a great deal to awaken interest in tennis here this season and it is to be hoped that the recent successful start will prove a forerunner to a banner tennis summer.

## MAY 24TH. HOLIDAY OBSERVED HERE.

Victoria Day, May 24th., was observed in Mayo quietly. The Government offices, the Mayo School, the Bank and most of the stores and places of business, were closed in observance of the holiday.

ED. BURNELL ARRIVED in town this week from his headquarters at the 26-mile and has been spending a few days holiday.

MRS. NICK SUTILOVICH was an outgoing passenger on Thursday's plane for Dawson where she will join her husband who is now located in that district.

MRS. M. SULLIVAN was a visitor in Mayo over the week end, returning to her home at the Half Way Tuesday.

SEVERAL WELL KNOWN trappers and prospectors arrived in town from up river points this week including Cecil Poli, Dick MacDiarmid, Kaiser Mervyn, Brian Kelly, Ralph Hampton, Norman Neddery, Fred Swanson and others.

Kaiser Mervyn brought Dick MacDiarmid in the early part of the week, in his launch, Dick was taken seriously ill and was rushed to the hospital immediately after arrival here.

DON POOLE was an arrival on last Sunday's plane, from Whitehorse. Don will be engaged with Ed. Barker at the latter's Haggart Creek placer property this season and he left for the Barker camp Tuesday. He planned to hike in from the Half Way house and took along one of George Aylwin's dogs to help with his hefty pack.

ELMER MORBERG, former young T. Y. employee on Galena who left here last summer, returned to Mayo on Monday's plane, having come in by way of Dawson. Elmer left again for the Gold Metropolis on Thursday's plane.

WELL KNOWN KENOITES in Mayo this week included Halmer Johnson, Bob Greaves, Rudolph Rassmussen.

BOB SHEARDOWN left this week for Hight Creek where he will be engaged with Harvey Ray this season. Harvey came in from Hight Creek Thursday.

ED. KIMBEL made a flying trip to the Elsa on Tuesday, returning the same night.

AMOS NOYD came in from Galena this week to receive treatment for an injured eye. He planned on returning up the hill the first of the week.

AMONG THOSE IN for the dance Friday night, from Galena were Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton, Mrs. Reg. Millar, Alex Levin, Bob Westman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomey,

ELMER PALMER paid a short visit to Mayo the early part of the week.

H. RUNER, son of Pete Runer, T. Y. employee on Galena, arrived in Mayo, by plane, Sunday.

## ALLIES ORDER MORE PLANES

SEATTLE, May 20 - The Allied purchasing commission has placed an order with Boeing Aircraft Company for immediate construction of twin-engined attack bombers at a cost of \$23,000,000.

## AMERICAN AMBULANCES HIT

PARIS, May 20 - Two more American volunteer ambulances have been destroyed by machine gun fire in the Saar sector of the Western front, raising the total to three so far put out of commission in the fighting. No mention was made of what happened to the American drivers of the two ambulances.

LONDON, May 20 - The Admiralty announced to-day that the destroyer Whitley had been damaged by bombs & beached. There were four casualties.



# NEW PLANES & PILOTS

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## MAYOITES IN VANCOUVER

From Vancouver comes word of several well known former Mayoites now in Vancouver. Our correspondent states that Shirley McLean, former chief Diesel operator for the T. Y. is now in good health again. Tommy McKay is improving right along and expects to return North about midsummer.

Terry McLean intends returning to Mayo at an early date.

Ray Stewart left for the scene of his summer's mining operations on Miller Creek on the last boat. He took two ponies in with him.

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## AIR MAIL IN THURSDAY

PILOT Ernie Kubicek flew the Ford "AZB" to Mayo, from Whitehorse, Thursday, bringing the air mail and freight. From Mayo the Ford went on to Dawson taking the following passengers from Mayo: Mrs. Nick Sutilovich, Barney McGuire and Elmer Morberg.

## FAIRCHILD IN FRIDAY

Pilot Ralph Oakes came in from Whitehorse with the Fairchild Friday afternoon, landing on the river. Lance Corporal W. W. Sutherland was a passenger for Dawson from Mayo. Two other members of the RCMP, from Whitehorse, were also passengers for Dawson on the Fairchild.

## TRAVELAIR SOUTHBOUND

Pilot Lionel Vines landed here Saturday, from Dawson, en route south with the outgoing air mail. H. Wheeler, President of the White Pass & Yukon Route, was a through passenger from Dawson for Whitehorse. The Saturday plane brought in the air mail from Dawson.

## TWO PASSENGERS FOR MAYO LAST SUNDAY

Pilot Kubicek landed here last Sunday, May 19th., with the Ford tri-motor, bringing the first class mail from the CPR boat which docked in Skagway May 18th. Passengers for Mayo were Don Poole and H. Runer. There were two other passengers aboard for Dawson.

## BELLANCA SOUTH MONDAY

The White Pass Bellanca "BLT" landed here Monday, from Dawson, continuing on to Whitehorse. Elmer Morberg was an incoming passenger from Dawson.

MIKE ROSCOE was an outgoing passenger for Dawson on the Ford Sunday, May 19th., from Mayo.



# SILVER ROSE SLIGHTLY THIS WEEK

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## SHORTAGE OF LABOR REPORTED IN DAWSON

Arrivals here last Sunday report that  
the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation rec-  
ently wired to its Vancouver office for 100  
men to be employed in connection with its  
mining activities in the Dawson district.

Of this number only about a dozen were  
able to leave on the boat which reached Skag-  
way May 18th. Others were reported to be  
heading North on the next CPR sailing.

Since the report that there is a short-  
age of men in Dawson got around, quite a  
few have gone over to the Gold Metropolis  
from Mayo during the past week while others  
are contemplating making the trip over soon.

It is understood that the Dawson company  
will hire men already in the Yukon in pre-  
ference to strangers from outside.

Since the recent outbreak of fires in  
Dawson the shortage of labor there will un-  
doubtedly be more acute than before.

WE HEAR THAT: "Slim" DeMers, former T. Y.  
employee in the Elsa mill, who left here aft-  
er the shut down the first of the year, is  
now engaged at Zeballos camp, on the west  
coast of Vancouver Island where several oth-  
er former Mayoites are also located now.

## BRITAIN PUTS BAN ON SILVER EXPORT

LONDON, May 20 - The British Board of  
Trade has imposed a ban on all exports of  
silver and unprocessed tobacco except under  
government license.

No explanation was given for the Board of  
Trade's unexpected action but it was bel-  
ieved to have been caused by the recent heavy  
foreign demand for these items.

Bullion traders here are understood to  
have notified the authorities that the 2  
pence rise in silver prices over the past  
week, was the result of a "mystifying" con-  
tinental buying movement.

At the same time April trade figures show  
that the British export of tobacco, both  
raw and processed, reached the abnormally  
high level of 498,000 pounds.

## SWIMMING SEASON USHERED IN.

Don't shiver when you read this but the  
swimming season has already been ushered in  
by several Mayo "Polar Bears" who braved the  
chilly waters of Five Mile Lake and Margaret  
Lake at the Half Way House.

Kippy Fisher, live-wire Mayo Miner newsie  
"broke the ice" as early as last Saturday  
when he went for a dip in the Five Mile Lake  
while his friends stood by and lauded his  
feat with a profusion of "oh's" and "ah's"  
and shivery gasps.

From the Half Way House we learn that Miss  
Laura Sullivan and Don Poole ushered in the  
swimming season there on Tuesday of this  
week. They stayed in about 10 minutes. This  
was five days earlier than last year when  
"Red" MacParlon plunged in for the first dip  
of the year at Margaret Lake.

Actually, credit for ushering in the swim-  
ing season around these parts goes to Geoff  
Bidlake and Carl Miller; both of whom fell  
through the ice in the cold waters of the  
Stewart several weeks ago, while fishing.  
With Carl and Geoff, however, it was purely  
accidental so maybe that doesn't count.

## BEAR CREEK GIRLS MAY PLAY BALL HERE JULY 1st.

Tentative plans are now under way for  
the classy Bear Creek girls softball team  
to play the Silver Lassies here on July 1st.

Mrs. McCarter, Manager of the local girls  
team, received a letter this week from Mrs.  
E. Fournier, manager of the Bear Creek team,  
in which the latter stated that the Teddy  
Bears are anxious to come over here to play  
July 1st. About 12 girls would be coming all  
told and, perhaps, a number of interested  
fans from the Gold Land. Funds are already  
being collected in Dawson and at Bear Creek  
to send the visiting players here and, if  
satisfactory arrangements can be concluded,  
the Bear Creek team will undoubtedly be here  
on July 1st.

HEAVY RAIN HERE: The past week has been  
a fairly rainy one in this district. Inter-  
mittent showers prevailed; accompanied by  
fog and nippy nights. A heavy rain fell Friday  
night and continued up to early Saturday morn-  
ing. It was the heaviest rain here so far this  
season.



# WAR TO THE FINISH URGES CHURCHILL

## CHURCHILL'S SPEECH.....

"Now one bond unites us all.. to wage war until victory is won, and never submit ourselves to servitude and shame. Side by side, the British and the French people, have advanced to rescue not only themselves but the whole world....."

### "NEXT BIG BATTLE FOR OUR ISLAND" PRIME MINISTER WARNS

LONDON, May 20 - Prime Minister Winston Churchill admitting that the situation is grave, declared Sunday in a broadcast to the nation that Great Britain and France will wage war until Germany has been defeated and will "never submit ourselves to servitude and shame."

He said it would "be foolish to lose heart and courage, or suppose," that the powerful Allied armies could be brought to their knees in submission within the space of a few weeks or even months, by Germany.

"I speak to you for the first time in a solemn hour for the life of our country, of our own power, of our Allies and above all, of the cause of freedom," Churchill said.

"A tremendous battle is raging in France and Flanders. The Germans by remarkable combination of their bombing and heavily armored tanks, have broken through the French defences north of the Maginot Line and strong columns of their armoured vehicles are ravaging the open country."

But if the Germans are behind the Allied front, Churchill told his people, the French are behind the German front at many points.

"We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by the presence of these armored forces behind our front," Churchill said.

The Prime Minister warned Britons that when the battle in France abates its force there, a battle will come "four our island."

"That," Churchill said, "will be the struggle."

"In the supreme emergency we shall not hesitate to take every step, even the most drastic, and call forth from our people the last ounce and last inch of effort which they are capable.

"Relative to the balance of the British and German air forces, it is now considerably more favourable to us than in the beginning of the battle!"

"My confidence in our ability to fight it out to a finish with the German air force, has been strengthened by the fierce encounters taking place.

"It would be foolish to disguise the gravity of the hour," Churchill asserted.

"It would be still more foolish to lose heart and courage or suppose that the well trained and well-equipped armies numbering three to four millions could be overcome within the space of a few weeks or even months by a scoop or raid of mechanized vehicles however formidable."

The Prime Minister said that he had received from the French high command the "most sacred pledges that they will fight to the end."

## ROYAL AIR FORCE PLAYING HEROIC PART IN WAR

Bombers Raise Havoc with  
Enemy Communications and  
Supply Trains.

LONDON, May 20 - British bombers in 48 hours of intensive bombing raids have successfully blasted precious oil depots and refineries feeding German mechanized forces in the crushing advance in Belgium and France, the Air Ministry has announced.

Oil and gasoline depots and refineries at Bremen, Hamburg and Hanover in Western Germany were bombed and set afire by the British.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill asserted that the R. A. F. bombers attacking oil refineries in the Ruhr Valley "probably" bombed Leuna, headquarters of the German synthetic gasoline production.

Loss of the Leuna plant and its storage tanks would be a hard blow to Germany because it produces part of the annual German output of 2,800,000 tons of synthetic gasoline.

At the same time the Royal Air Force was relieving pressure on the fighting front, the Air Ministry said, by continuing harassment of German communication lines, bridges, junctions and sidings and bombing and strafing of troop concentrations, highways, convoys and airdromes.

Pilots returning home from raids said relays of Whitley, Wellington and Hampden bombers from 10 p. m. Friday, May 17 until dawn Saturday, and later in the day, dropped tons of heavy bombs despite terrific anti-aircraft fire, balloon barrages and German fighting planes. The Hampdens bombed Hamburg all night.

Explosions of the heaviest bombs were followed by terrific gushes of flames that were visible as far away as Cuxhaven," one pilot said.

## NEW ALLIED LEADER STRONG ON ATTACK

PARIS, May 20 - General Maxime Weygand, heir to the mantle of Marshall Foch, Sunday night was named generalissimo of the Allied armies replacing General Maurice Gamelin in an effort to turn the tide of Germany's drive which has swept to within 75 miles of Paris.

The Belgian-born strategist, flying home from Syria where he commanded the Allies army in the Near East, took over the high command in France's hour of peril as the French army battled furiously to halt the Germans north-east of St. Quentin, famous Great War battleground.

-Heit to Foch's policy of "L'attaque, toujours, l'attaque," Weygand undoubtedly will launch a plan of bold initiative in contrast with Gamelin's extreme caution.

## FIFTH COLUMN PLOT UNCOVERED

LONDON, May 20 - The British intelligence has uncovered a "fifth column" plot to seize power, and broadcasting stations and sabotage railways and telephone service, it was reported Sunday.



# PREDICTS STATES WILL ENTER WAR

## RIVER FLEET NOW UNDER WAY

Aksala Headed for Mayo

Navigation got under way in the Yukon this week for another season with the White Pass steamers Yukon, Casca, Aksala all under way.

The Aksala will be the first boat of the year to reach Mayo.

## U. S. LINER TO BRING AMERICANS HOME

WASHINGTON, May 22 - The United States Government is sending the S. S. President Roosevelt to Ireland to bring home American citizens. The big liner will remain unarmed throughout the voyage and its position will be announced along the way in order to prevent any chance from submarine attack or hitting hidden mine fields.

## BOMBERS NOW BEING FLOWN ACROSS OCEAN

Battle bombers, made in the United States for the Allies, are now being flown across the ocean it was announced from London this week.

## NAZIS WANT BASES, SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, May 20 - A reliable authority said this morning that Sweden had told Germany she would fight against any violation of Swedish neutrality.

STOCKHOLM - Germany has presented far-reaching demands to Sweden including the right to transport men, munitions and equipment across North Sweden to the besieged German garrison in Narvik, north Norway.

The Swedish government has so far rejected the demands but negotiations are continuing.

The German "requests" as German informants prefer to call them, were made through the Swedish minister in Berlin who arrived in Stockholm Sunday for his third visit since Friday.

## NOTED COAST VISITOR PREDICTS STATES ENTRY INTO WAR

VANCOUVER, May 20 - Speaking as an American citizen who has sounded out Public Opinion, I say it is inconceivable the American government will tolerate a German victory. Your neighbors will yet be standing side by side with you, giving military and material assistance."

So Rabbi Peretz Halperin, of New York, told his listeners while addressing the Zionist Organization of Canada in Hotel Georgia last night.

"A German victory, he said, would be a setback to the whole Jewish plan in Palestine. On the other hand a victory for the Allies would leave the Jews' position in Palestine infinitely more secure. He said there are now 6,000,000 Jews in Europe, all in a precarious situation.

## S. S. AKSALA HEADING FOR MAYO MONDAY.

The S. S. Aksala, first boat of the year to head for Mayo, is scheduled out of Stewart City 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with 167 tons for the McQuesten, 46 for Mayo. There are 63 sacks of mail for Mayo and the following passengers for the McQuesten: C. Jones, E. Wyatt, A. Leader, Chas. Alexander, J. Fulford, D. C. Hodges.

The boat will have perishables for Mervyn, N. C. Co., T. & D. George Nagano and Bob Levac.

## FORMER KAISER MAY RETURN TO PRUSSIA

BERLIN - The former Kaiser will return to Germany and will settle on an estate probably in East Prussia, it was stated in former court circles. It was understood that the former Emperor will return under a pledge to live entirely as a private citizen.

## HOME DEFENCE CORPS PLANNED IN B. C.

VANCOUVER, May 18 - Formation of an unofficial "home defence" anti-sabotage unit to be known as "The Flying Column" was taken Thursday night as members of the 31st. Battalion Association met in the Belmont Hotel to take action against "fifth column" activities.

May 28 was set as the date for a rally to which an estimated 25,000 returned soldiers will be asked to join up as men and officers of the veterans' fighting unit, with a view to guarding against internal betrayal from enemy aliens living in Vancouver.

Resolutions to be forwarded to the Federal Gov't. follow:

1. Make arms and armaments available immediately to the "Flying Column."
2. Keep local ex-servicemen informed as to any action taken with regard to activities among aliens, and furnish full description of suspects.
3. Prevent all enemy aliens from keeping firearms.
4. Control all firearms and make an inventory of those now at large.
5. Employ no enemy alien, when naturalized or not, in government work or in any key service or the handling of food and discharge those now employed.

Expressing their wish to prove that their period of usefulness has not come to an end, the veteran soldiers considered it would be an everlasting disgrace if we at home fail those from this country who are overseas to fight, by leaving this land open to attack from within.

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