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British Forces Engaged In Fierce Battle In Northern France

FIERCE BATTLE IS NOW RANGING IN THE NORTH OF FRANCE, WHERE BRITISH FORCES ARE MAKING A MAGNIFICENT STAND AGAINST FURIOUS ATTACKS BY GERMANS, GENERAL WEYGAND THE NEW ALLIED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, IS NOW ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND IS TAKING ALL NECESSARY DECISIONS.

Germany Occupy Amiens

THE GERMAN FORCES, WHICH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THE INFILTRATING THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE "POCKET" TO AMIENS AND ARRAS WERE ONLY LIGHT ELEMENTS AND THOSE TWO CITIES WERE OCCUPIED ONLY BY A FEW THOUSAND MEN AND NOT BY AN ARMY.

ON THE REST OF THE FRONT THE FRENCH TROOPS WERE INSTALLED ON POSITIONS CHOSEN BY THE HIGH COMMAND AND ENEMY ATTACKS WEST OF RETHEL HAD MET WITH NO SUCCESS.

Britain Reassured

MR. A. DUFF COOPER, THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION, IN A BROADCAST SAID:

"THE NEWS IS GRAVE BUT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR SERIOUS ALARM, STILL LESS FOR PANIC. BY THE SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT OF A NEW TECHNIQUE, SMALL BODIES OF THE GERMAN ARMY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PENETRATING A GREAT DISTANCE. BUT THEY ARE SMALL BODIES.

Counter Attack Will Be Formidable

"The army of Britain and the far greater army of France are still there. They are neither in retreat, nor have they suffered heavy loss. It is impossible to understand what is happening while the battle is still in progress.

"The fog of war hangs over a vast area where the conflicting forces are engaged. We hear that one vantage point has been gained, another lost, another regained and out of these spare scraps of news imagination is inclined to build vast structure of conjecture.

"Three facts alone can be definitely stated. Firstly, the present objective of the enemy is the channel ports from which he hopes to launch the war upon this island. Secondly, small parts of his mechanised troops have succeeded in eluding their opponents, in advancing great distances and coming near to their objective.

Thirdly, the armies of Britain and France are undefeated.

"In enormously superior numbers they occupy the battlefield, and the counter-attack, when it comes, should prove formidable.

"The swaying of the fortunes of the fight matters little.

"It is the end of the battle that counts and, as I told you last week, this battle, whatever it may be, cannot entail the defeat of Great Britain and France in the war.

"Meanwhile, it is the old story, which has been told again and again and which, nevertheless, always comes as a surprise to everyone. The sudden advance, the unexpected weight of attack, the initial gains far greater than were expected—it is the story of 1914 and 1918, and, let us hope it will find the same ending."

Canada Will Send More And More Men

The Prime Minister Mr. Mackenzie King, has sent Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, a message renewing his pledges of Canada's "full co-operation" in the war.

"In these grave and clouded hours," he says, "I want to renew to you and to the Government and people of the United Kingdom the assurances already given to you and your predecessor in office of the full co-operation of our Dominion in the struggle against the forces of evil which have been unleashed in the world.

"We shall muster the utmost strength of his country so that we may make our full contribution to the triumph of right, which must and will prevail."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced in the House of Commons that Canada is

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Italy Wants Her Share

In a speech at Milan, Count Ciano, Foreign Minister, said mighty events were creating a new world. Italy could not stand aside from the events in Europe in which Rome must have her say.

The Italian people, said Count Ciano, were ready for the new tasks to which they might be called. "When the Duce has decided, he will give the word of command."

to raise a third division of the Canadian Active Service Force.

He also said that a new Ministry would be formed, called the Ministry of National Defence, Air, to administer Canada's air contribution.

Mr. King stated that the Canadian Army now amounted to 100,000 men, including an overseas force of 23,438 men in the first division.

MR. DUFF COOPER



"It is the story of 1914 and 1918, and, let us hope it will find the same ending."—MR. DUFF COOPER.

Spirit Of British Army Remains High

It was revealed by a French military spokesman, who said that the outcome must be awaited, and could be awaited, with much confidence in spite of the gravity of the news contained in the announcement by M. Reynaud of the fall of Amiens and Arras.

On the southern side of the salient, the French are reported to be holding on firmly and German attempts to widen it out by an attack on Montmedy have so far been repulsed.

The French have, however, evacuated Laon. Across the River Aisne the Germans have made little progress in the south and two or three fresh attempts to cross the Aisne were repulsed. Further German efforts to get round the Maginot Line have also not succeeded.

Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force in France states that there is little light to be thrown on the fierce encounters occurring in various places. As these places are scattered over an area of about 1,000 square miles, some near the frontier and some near the British zone, where one evacuated town was the scene of street fighting it is still impossible to refer to "the front."

In the words of an officer, who is in a position to know, the British are elsewhere "fighting like hell." The spirit of the British soldiers remains apparently as high as ever. The correspondent adds: "I saw one lorry load on its way to reinforce one area filled with singing men."

ment of Marshal Petain and the nomination of General Weygand as Commander-in-Chief brings us immense hope."

Le Jour comments: "The presence of General Weygand gives us the hope that with this remarkable chief France will overcome the serious crisis on which the future of the world depends."

Stop Press

At a late hour it was announced that the town of ARRAS had been re-captured by the British.

Mr. Winston Churchill's and General Smuts' speeches appear on page 4 and other war news on page 16.

America's Assistance To Allies

The United States although still preserving outward forms of neutrality, is no longer neutral in spirit. This is shown by the following list of ways in which aid is at present being given to the Allies.

First, the full weight of the United States' moral disapproval of German aggression has been clearly expressed and the principle of impartiality enjoyed by the Neutrality Act has been ignored.

Second, American diplomatic pressure is being exerted on Signor Mussolini to keep him from entering the war on Germany's side.

Third, voluntary embargoes on exports to Russia have cut down Russia's ability to supply Germany with vital raw materials.



"A Challenge"

Germany has challenged our civilisation, and those with me, are going to fight Germany."—GENERAL SMUTS.

Fourth, every effort is being made to facilitate Allied purchases of the latest American planes, munitions and deliveries are to be speeded up in spite of the United States' own armament programme.

Fifth, the American fleet is maintained in the Pacific, thus guarding not only the Philippines and Dutch East Indies, but also Australia and New Zealand against possible Japanese attack.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL



"Our task is not only to win the battle but to win the war." —MR WINSTON CHURCHILL

New Allied Army Chief Appointed

It was announced in Paris that General Maxime Weygand, the noted French military leader, who has been commanding the French forces in the near East, has been appointed Chief of the French General Staff and Commander-in-Chief in all theatres of war, in place of General Gamelin.

General Weygand's appointment is expected in authoritative circles to galvanise the energies of the French nation.

General Weygand's prestige, it is stated, has remained undiminished, and the nation sees in the changes final proof of the Government's ferocious determination to fight with cool intelligence and relentless energy.

General Weygand is known as "the man who has never been beaten," and it is declared that he loves danger.

According to an old companion in arms, "for him no situation is ever desperate."

General Weygand's appointment is welcomed by the French Press. General Duval in Le Journal says: "The presence in the Government (Continued column 3)



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Who's Who in The News This Week

Miss Cornelia Nellie Masemola of Parktown, Johannesburg, who has been on a short visit to Durban by car, returned to the city the other Saturday night feeling in good spirit. She was a visitor at the Native Affairs Dept, Tlamskraal last Tuesday week and was the guest of Mrs. R. L. Magadhla and her eldest son.

It is pleasant to report that Miss G. Rampa of 14, Ray Street, Sophiatown has recovered from her long illness.

The Benoni Location Wayfarers under the leadership of Mrs. Makgathu made a striking appearance at their annual Wayfarers' Sunday A special service for them was held in the A.M.E. Temple.

Mr. T. Nhanha is arranging for a grand tea-party at his home 82, Bernard Street, Sophiatown on Sunday May 26. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends.

Mr. Ndzingi and Miss Gwen. V. Gabela paid a visit to Rose Deep, Germiston where they were given a most hospitable reception by Mr. S. M. Ndzingi, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Sehlaku last week-end.

Congratulations to the following nurses of the Holy Cross Hospital who have succeeded in their Hospital Examination which was held in April, 1940: Class two Frieda Agnes Nyanda, Zini Ngcobo, May Constance Dlamini, Edith Nontuthuzelo Mzamo, Mfoho Alice Majeng, Salimina Mogale, Nomsa Lydia Zililo, Patience Nothemba Sixshe, Violet Jicwa, Celiwe Ngema, Catherine Nozipho Naka, Gertrude Maud Mofife and Jane Ntombenhlope Manyala. Class Three Nurse: Millicent Nobantu Mkize.

Mr. Gershon L. Masekela, who has been on a short tour of the Northern Transval, has now returned and resumed duty at the N.D., Johannesburg. Mr. Masekela is proposing to attend his brother's wedding which takes place very soon.

Constable Jonas M. Tladi of the Local Police attached to the N. A. D., Johannesburg has just returned from his home at Makapanstad. Mr. Tladi attended the Chief's wedding last Thursday week.

Mr. B. M. Mohale spent a fortnight with his parents at Maboreketla's Hill near Medingen on his way back to Escor, Pretoria accompanied by Misses Lily Mabu Ramothibi and Rosah Motsinoni who were en route to Sefame.

Mr. Solly Sethole of the N.A.D. Pretoria visited the Arch-deacon Rev. J. B. F. Mtetwa of Zeerust Location recently. A splendid dinner party, at which were present Messrs. T. D. Mabueta, M. C. Mokhoana and Mr. Mtetwa, was given in his honour. After the party, he was taken round the location to meet well known friends of Pretoria among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. Madibo who entertained them to tea. Mr. Sethole is a preacher of the Wesleyan Church at Lady Selborne, Pretoria

Miss Erica Nonkululeko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Takane celebrates her third birthday to day (May 25).

The presentation of cups function at Crown Mines last Saturday was honoured by the presence of their Acting Chief Compound Manager Mr. Little and his wife. The famous Merry Blackbirds played for the dance.

Mr. Thari Pilane, a clerk of the Bechuanaland Administration in Johannesburg, accompanied by Mrs. M. Molefi of Sophiatown, Miss P.S. Poonyane of Kilarney, Mr. Ramonau of New Clare, Mr. Peter Pilane of Sophiatown, Mr. P. Ketsedi of Wemmer and Lets R. Pilane of "The Bantu World" composing staff paid a flying visit last weekend to Makapanstad, Pretoria to attend the finishing touches of Chief H. M. Makapan and Princess Dikeledi's wedding. Princess Dikeledi (now Mrs. D. O. Makapan) is a sister to Mr. Thari Pilane. These visitors left Johannesburg by a special taxi. They wish to thank driver Mr. Mareme who did his job to their entire satisfaction and those of Pretoria who entertained them.

Miss Dora Nkonyane, (Nurse), daughter of Elias Nkonyane, of Piet Retief, left for Durban on May 4 to further her education in midwifery at the Durban McCord Hospital. Many of our societies in Piet Retief are missing her for Nurse Dora Nkonyane had been a very willing and inspiring social worker. She is keenly interested in the welfare of her fellow Africans.

The engagement is announced of Mabel Gweneth, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nondlaza to MacDonald Reynold, eldest son of Mrs. E. N. W. Zwakala and the late Mr. W. B. Zwakala of Idutywa, Transkei. Mr. MacDonald Zwakala is on orderly at the City Deep Hospital.

Mr. J. J. Tenoff of Kleinfontein spent the last week-end at Bursford with Mr. J. S. F. B. Gregory.

Mr. George Mabuza of Eastern N. Township was one of the tennis players of George Goch who played at W. N. T. during the last week-end. It is reported that W. N.T. tennis club was beaten by a lead of 22 games.

Mr. Tyobeka of Orlando accompanied by "Chief" Gordon Maqoma called on Mr. Tatius Sondlo and family last Sunday evening at W.N. Township. Mr. G. B. Makalima was also among Mr Sondlo's several visitors.

Mr. T. S. F. B. Gregory staged a successful concert and dance with his "Burord Tone-tone choir" at Ladysmith on Saturday May 11, 1940. Mr. Gregory sang his own 1940 Composition "Iziphithiphithi" He is also the composer of "Come to me my dear, "Dora did me down" and "U Mnambithi" (Tonic Solfa and words).

Mr. O. G. Ngandela of Crown Mines, who was indisposed last week, is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Madibo of Zeerust Location are arranging for a sumptuous party of Pretorians in that locality on May 26 at their residence.

Mr. Herbert V Ciliza of Venterspost left Johannesburg the other Monday night on receiving news of his father's serious illness in Claremont Township, Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. K. Sebola of Klerksdorp, who have recently got married, left on May 21 for Port Elizabeth on their honeymoon breaking their journey for a few days at Kimberley.

Mr and Mrs. L. Takane of Johannesburg extend their sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Robert Mzileni of Tarkastad whose husband passed away on May 19. Mr. Robert Mzileni was one of the oldest residents of Tarkastad and a staunch member and preacher of the Methodist Church of S. A. and also a sport enthusiast. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

Messrs. L. Mlonyeni and D. Mhambi of Germiston spent the weekend in the city. They visited several places of interest including the Park Zoo and the Johannesburg General Hospital, where they were taken round the premises by Nurse G. Bala.

Mr and Mrs Leta Enock Ntuli were the only representatives of Eastern Native Township at the Tea-party held last Sunday at the Late Mr C. Kumalo's residence at Orlando. Many people from almost every township attended the party.

Mr Wilfred Sentso and his Synco Fans are celebrating the Anniversary of the Synco-School of Modern Music-started some time ago by Mr Sentso and Miss L. Mankazana, with a series of great concert shows. The Synco-Fans which are comprised of a set of very capable girls all trained from Synco-Schools are the following: Johannes Leshoane, Mary Ramushu, Suzan Makhale, Diana Nisane, Martha Mkoane, Suzan Seku, Ruby Mollison, Edith Sehlolo, Lizzie Naxane and Isaac Makhale. The programme which will be rendered at the following places is purely made up of Original Jazzy Compositions by Mr W. Sentso:-
Bantu Men's Social Centre: 24 May
Empire Day Friday, Pinville Balleenden Hall: 29th May Wednesday, Orlando Hall: 31st May Broadway Stars, Orlando Hall Synco-Fans and Nigel: 7th June.
Tickets are obtainable from the Secretary Miss L. Mankazana, Synco Schools, 809 Orlando.

Mesdames E. J. Mathe and E. Storte of Saxonwold visited Mr. Thomas Nkwenya of Springs to congratulate him on his recent marriage.

Miss Rose May Majoji of the King Edward VIII. Hospital is now back at Idwaleni M. Stn. after spending a few days with her brother Mr B. Majoji at Ifafa M. Stn and at Rev. N.M. Ndili's residence.

OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret to announce the death of Rev. J. G. Lebele at the age of 73 on April 8, 1940 at his residence at Klerksdorp. The deceased had been an invalid ever since he had undergone an operation at the Non-European Hospital, Johannesburg in 1926.

With regret the death is announced of Mr. Robert Mzileni (an uncle to Mr. Bethuel T. Ndzingi) at Tarkastad on Sunday May 19, 1940. The deceased has been suffering from a chronic swelling of the leg for the last two years and lately was advised to have his leg amputated. He leaves a widow and two daughters. Sympathy goes to the bereaved family and friends.



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"I found something which is of more value than money, I fortunately told my mistress that Notemba coughs so much so, that she hardly sleeps at night. "But you are stupid" said Makanda angrily. I bought some herbs from a herbalist some three days ago. Why did you tell your mistress that though we have no remedy for the child? "We haven't got it. Makanda. That is why asked. Notemba's cough has now become worse every day, and your herbs



are of no use. My mistress advised me to use the same remedy for colds which she gives to her children. It is called Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped her children; it will help Notemba. We should also try it. Makanda Makanda agreed. Notemba became well.



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