NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITIS H COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

# remier Daladier Announces Army Of 50,000 Men Is Poised To Enter War Against Soviet LONDON, March 12 (Canadian against Soviet Press)—Reuters today quoted a

ntime Peace Negotiations Between Helsinki and Moscow Are Continuing With Prospects Taking Marked Upswing This Afternoon

### PEACE BELIEVED NEAR

The commonest opinion among informed observers at Helsinki late today was that some kind of an honorable peace between Finland and Russia was in the immediate offing. Reuters stated that rumors of a peace agreement having been already reached were unfounded. In Stockholm an Exchange telegraph agency dispatch reported that the Finnish delegation in Moscow had been authorized to sign a peace treaty. The dispatch reported informed sources as saying that the treaty would be signed tomorrow when the terms would be published and, at the same time, hostilities would cease.

PARIS, March 12: (CP)-The dramatic announce- + plane had been shot down + was made to the French Chamber of Deputies today + while engaged in reconnai-+ Premier Edouard Daladier that Great Britain and ssance over German territory. + ace have agreed to dispatch to the aid of Finland in war against Russia a fully equipped expeditionary; of 50,000 men in the event of present peace nego-

had been delivered to the Finnish

delegation which, headed by the

Premier, was still in Moscow last

that it was enroute home. The Fin-

ward from Viipuri to the Russian

frontier, the political and military

future of Finland and the disposal

of the strategic Hanko Islands.

With sentiment wavering between

concerned, Europe still awaits def-

inite word of the result of the

peace negotiations as hours pass

indicating that they are still in a

critical stage with peace an elu-

until Wednesday, possibly by air.

Bitter Fighting Continues

sive will o' the wisp.

s between Finland and Ruslling and providing that Finnakes a direct appeal for such Great Britain and France are mplets agreement on this ac-Premier Daladier said, and nd has been advised that the is ready for instant dispatch Finland makes the appeal March 7 the Finnish foreign ter V. I. Tanner had been told intention. Unless the appeal made by Finland, Premier Dalter revealed that that country been told the Allies could not sume responsibility for its status end of the war. France would the majority of the men ment. Three delicate points invol-Great Britain would supply ved in the Russo-Finnish peace ne warships to convoy and protect gotiations include the disposition force in its movement. Since of the railway which runs northis still difficulty in the matter ecuring the co-operation of en and Norway for the moveof troops and arms across

territory, it is expected the would be sent by way of the Coast and Petsamo or Mur-

days ago Sweden and Norre sounded out by Great Briregard to their attitude ing the passage of Allied and arms but there had been isfactory answer, both intithat they would consider a violation of neutrality.

cantime a Swedish cabinet split

eported to be developing, one urging Finland to accept erms with Swedish and gian guarantees of future se-A Sweedish telegraph agency from and the other favoring ad-Helsinki to Stockholm said that g Finland to reject the Russian the foreign affairs committee of s and appeal for Allied help. the Finnish Parliament had reporils announcement to the Briitedly recognized Russian peace Parliament yesterday tha conditions but no confirmation Britain and France were prewas available. The report was d to help Finland "with all withdrawn immediately, apparente Minister Neville Chamberlain ly at the request of the Finnish le- Scanding war danger to ned to say whether it was pro- gation to Stockholm which said it could be denied. The belief was that regular troops should ent. In reply to a question in emphasized that the whole ques-House of Commons as to wheth- tion of peace or continued war had further Anglo-French help to reached the point of final deceig to war with Russia, Mr. be expected at any time. mberlain said: "We have not ved at that yet." A statement!

### Prspects Brighter

replaced uncertainty in po- ever, said that in action of the past air in southern Finland. apers warned, however, ag- including, among other places, at s to be signed.

# Airmen Attack

+ ial attacks of the war have + ♣ Maginot Line. Machine guns ♣ + and aerial cannon were used + + but the assault was light and + ◆ made little if any impression. ◆ \* A French communique dis- \* + missed the incident with the +

+ statement "nothing of impor- + + addition to the air activity. + + there was some desolutory in- + ever sent such a message. + fantry and artillery action. + + Tr German High Command + HANOVER

## ainst too much optimism. The PREPARE newspaper Aftonbladet asserted that definite Soviet peace terms!

Halibut Fleet May Consist of 360 Vessels This Year, It Is night in spite of earlier reports, Estimated

nish government was reported to VICTORIA, March 2 (Canadian have met outside Helsinki to con-Press) - Provincial fisheries offisider an important code message cials said yesterday that the Cafrom the delegation in Moscow. nada-United States halibut fleets The Stockholm Stock Exchange would probably start operations boomed today as prospects of peace about April 1 with the season limappeared brighter. Betting odds are its probably unchanged at 47,000,six to four in favor of a settle-000 for Areas No. 2 and 3 combined. Official announcement has vet to come from the International Fisheries Commission.

In the various halibut fishing ports of the coast fishermen are now going over their gear. Twelve boats are planning to leave Vancouver for the banks March 29 and others will get away in progressive optimism and pessimism in the capitals of many countries vitally

Altogether from Vancouver, Seattle. Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Juneau and Wrangell and the other coast ports it is expected some 360 halibut fishing craft will operate this year.

### At Helsinki return of the Finnish delegation headed by Pre- MAY LESSEN mier Risto Riti from Moscow with MAY LESSEN peace conditions to be submitted, to the Finnish Parliament was being awaited but this may not be WAR DANGER ing awaited but this may not be

Germany, It Is Reported, To Be More Considerate of Scandinavian Shipping

OSLO, March 12: (CP)- The newspaper Aftenposten said learned Germany had agreed to a

Taparle and Sala.

The Russians claimed territorial gains yesterday at both ends of and would be tantamount to sion and an announcement could collapse of which was becoming Season Are Seen hourly nearer. The Soviet further claimed that the north and east-With Finland in anxious sus- ern sections of Viipuri had been said that no appeal for fur- pense regarding peace negotiations occupied and its forces were adaid had yet been received from with Moscow, high officials an vancing on the west. There was nounced yesterday that the Red virtually a ring of steel around the First robins of the season were Army was continuing its attacks beleagured city. Moscow said that seen in the Canadian National Meantime prospects of peace in on the shore of Vilpuri Bay and five Finnish planes had been Railway yards today, G. E. Phillipand appeared to take a marked had "met with minor successes in brought down. There was also ex- son reported this afternoon. No this afternoon as opti- a few places." A communique, how- tensive Russian bombing from the less than five of them were seen

Turkey to Consult With Ministers to Rome, Moscow, Bucharest

ome radio as saying that Turkish envoys to Rome, Moscow, Bu-\* for consultation

# Hitler's Message To Pope Pius

+ been made by the Germans on + Sends Congratulations to Pontiff on Occasion of Accession Anniversary

BERLIN, March 12.-Chancellor Adolf Hitler sent a telegram of congratulations to Pope Pius XII. today on the occasion of the first anni-+ ance during the night." In + versary of his coronation. It was the first time that Der Fuehrer had

Reports of Second German Ship Being Seized By British Navy

LONDON, March 12: (CP)-The scuttled German freighter Hanover was endeavouring to run the British blockade, having sailed from a West Indies port last Tuesday. The interception and scuttling occurred between Puerpublic. The crew has been landed at San Domingo. Reports of a second ship having been seized by a British cruiser are being inves-

The Hanover, it was disclosed today, did not sink after being fired and abandoned by her crew when intercepted by the British warships and has now been salvaged and towed to port as a prize.

INCREASING ARMY LONDON-Presenting army es-

timates to the House of Commons today, Secretary of War Oliver Stanley said that British troops in France are approximately twice the number there were in October and "every day sees an increase." This indicates that there are about 316,000 British troops on the Continent now. Stanley said. "We are duty bound progressively to take a bigger and bigger part in the burden of war on land from the shoulders of the French.'

NAZIS OVER POLAND

PARIS- A German scouting plane flew over Paris last night. Searchlights were played upon it and anti-aircraft batteries went into action.

# First Robins Of

Five Spring Birds Noticed Flitting Around Railway Yards This Morning

flitting around. This is quite early circles at Stockholm and day or so the Finns had repulsed Hostilities, it is evident, will con- for robins and is, of course, taken Swedish afternoon many new and fierce local attacks tinue until a truce is signed, if one by some as an indication that spring is here.

# Bulletins

"WALK-OUT" EXPLAINED ST. THOMAS, Ont,-About 156 airmen, unaware of a change in orders, left the Royal Canadian Air Force training centre here on February 10 under the impression that they were pursuing their usual Saturday afternoon routing, Wing Commander Reginald Collis, officer commanding the establishment, said today. Last night Commissioner William H. Stringer of the Ontario provincial police, conducting a civil inquiry into allegations made by Premier M. F. Hepburn in regard to an incident, reported finding that a walk-out of some kind had oc-

AVIATORS RELEASED

WASHINGTON, D.C .- United States officials decided today to release two Canadian aviators who made a forced landing in a Royal Canadian Air Force plane Saturday at Alexandria Bay in New York State. Both aviators and their plane will be permitted to return to Canada, the State Department having found that the plane was forced down through mistake and as a result

NO CHANGE IN POLICY

ROME- No change in Italy's policy of non-belligerency is anticinated as a result of the visit of German War-Minister Joachim von Ribbentron which terminated with his return to Berlin last night. Nor is there expected to be a concordat between the Holy See to Rico and the Dominican Re- and the Reich although it is sug- C. & E., 1.95. gested that von Ribbentrop may have assured the Pope of more consideration being shown Catholics in Poland.

WELLES IN LONDON

LONDON-United States Under Secretary of State had lunch with the Duke and Duchess of Kent vesterday and tea with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace. He also conferred with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and today obtained British Labor views in an eighty-minute conversation at the United States embassy with Clement Atlee and Arthur Greenwood. He also met the Liberal leader. Sir Archibald Sinclair. The Dutch Premier is coming here to meet Mr. Welles.

### 672 CANDIDATES

OTTAWA-There are 672 candidates in the federal election with no acclamations. Except in the Maritimes and Quebec, where straight fights between Liberals and National Conservatives are the order, there are many three and four-cornered fights. Candidates include 240 Liberals, 213 National Conservatives, 96 C.C.F., 28 New Democracy.

FORMER M.P. DIES

VICTORIA-Lieut. Col. Richard Cooper, investment broker, who was Unionist M.P. for Vancouver South from 1917 to 1921, died here at the age of 59.

H. R. McMILLAN BACK MONTREAL-H. R. McMillan, Vancouver, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, returned here yesterday after a four weeks' trip to Great Britain on business in connection with British Columbia lumber shipments. Shortage of ships is a difficulty, he says.

CHURCH HALL BOMBED ARMAGH, Ireland-St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Hall here, which had recently been used for military billeting, was bombed last night. The Irish Republican Army is blamed.

# MORE SHIPS

Damage Estimated at 350,000 Done by All Day Conflagra-

VANCOUVER, April 12 (Can-

Breaking out in a bakery at and is believed to have sunk it. and dairy.

None were injured.

### TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy & D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .093/4. Bralorne, 10.50. Cariboo Quartz, 2.45. Dentonia, 1011/4. Fairview. .011/4. Gold Belt. .25. Minto. .011/4. Noble Five. .011/2. Pacific Nickel, .10. Pend Oreille, 1.75. Pioneer, 2.13. Premier, 1.30. Privateer, .62. Reeves MacDonald, .18. Reno. . 35. Relief Arlington. .09. Salmon Gold, .03. Sheep Creek, 1.07. Cariboo Hudson, .04.

A. P. Con., .15. Calmont, 35. Freehold, .02. Home. 2.50. Royal Can., .181/4. Okalta, 1.15. Mercury, .06. Prairie Royalties, .18.

Toronto

Aldermac. .26 Beattie. 1.10. Central Pat., 2.25. Con. Smelters. 44.00. East Malartic, 3.65. Fernland, .031/2. Francoeur. .40. Gods Lake. .54. Hardrock, 1.08. Int. Nickel. .431/2. Kerr Addison, 2.33. Little Long Lac, 3.10. McLeod Cockshutt, 1.86. Madsen Red Lake, 45. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.22. Moneta, .70. Noranda, 73.00. Pickle Crow, 3.90. Preston E. Dome, 2.08. San Antonio, 2.30. Sherritt Gordan, .96. Bouscadillac, .031/4. Mosher, .07. Oklend, .071/2. Smelters Gold, .01.

At the court of revision on the federal voters' list, being conducted by D. C. Stuart, there have been 100 names so far added to the list with twenty-one corrections and one refusal.

Dominion Bridge, 37.75.

Latest Victims of War at Sea ---

Submarine is Sunk-Trawlers

Force U-Boat to Flee

LONDON, March 12 (Canadian adian Press)-Point Grey wire- Press)-Two armed trawlers today less station reports damage es- attacked a German U-boat which timated at \$50,000 caused by an was forced to flee. The Air Minall day fire which swept the listry announced that a British village of Alert Bay up the coast bomber had attacked a German submarine off the German coast

6:35 a.m., the fire was finally | The German sea warfare toll brought under control at 10 p. among neutrals yesterday included m. after destroying several homes the Netherlands steamer Amor, 2,a meat store house, several shops | 325 tons, which was mined off the and a building housing a cafe coast of Belgium; the Belgian trawler Z-47 which was apparently shelled, and the Greek Niritos, 3854 tons, which was mined and beached on the southeast British coast. The Amor was on her way from the West Indies to Rotterdam with general cargo. Her crew of thirty-three was landed at Flushing by another ship.

Today another Dutch ship, the Alota, was reported sunk by a mine or torpedo in an area where there are not supposed to be any

The British freighter Clan Stuart foundered in the English Channel after collision with another vessel. her crew of seventy-five being safely rescued.

The British trawler Halifax has been sunk from an undisclosed

During the week up to March 19 five British ships, of tonnage totalling 18.753, were sunk in the war at sea. It was somewhat of a record that not a single neutral vessel was sunk during that time.

## New York Stock Mart Is Stronger

Trading Active in First Hour Today and Values Show Substantial Advance

NEW YORK, March 12- The trend of the New York Exchange continues upward. During the first hour of trading today, 210,000 shares changed hands. Industrials were up .43 at 148.58. Rails were up .10 at 30.90. The turnover yesterday was 580,020 shares with little fluctuation in values.

## Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure appears low northwest of the Queen Charlotte Islands and relatively high in southern British Columbia. The weather is mild and

West Coast of Vancouver Island-Fresh south winds, cloudy and mild with showers.

TREATY WITH NORWAY LONDON-The Ministry of Economic warfare announces the signing of a new treaty between Great Britain and Norway.

Wednesday Night-Moose Hall 8 p.m.

SPEAKERS

Hon. T.D. Pattullo Senator J. H. King

VOTE FOR HANSON Skeena Federal Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C.